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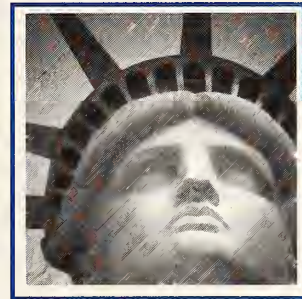
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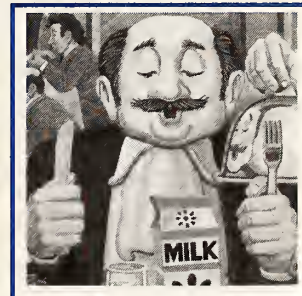
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Perhaps if everyone left the mailing address plus added a phone number, we would get more actually talking to us about the Legion.

*Byram E. Peck
Richmond, Calif.*

Agent Orange

The New Jersey State Commission on Agent Orange has an immediate need for Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans to participate in its "Pointman" Research Project. Funded completely by the State of New Jersey, the unique project will attempt to detect dioxin levels exceeding controls in a small

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Interested Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served in locations other than in Southeast Asia may write to Commission Executive Director Wayne P. Wilson, 143 E. State Street, 10th floor, Trenton, N.J. 08608 or call the Commission 24-hour number (609) 984-7396.

*Wayne P. Wilson
Trenton, N.J.*

Do You Agree?

Following in eminence our inviolate United States Flag, the North American native 'Bald Eagle' was designated by Congress in 1782 as the national bird

emblem. A creature of grace, beauty and power, this magnificent bird and beautiful symbol has been misnamed.

The *American Dictionary of the English Language* by Noah Webster, LL.D., published in 1828 and progenitor of all the Webster's to this day, defined *Bald* as "destitute of hair, especially on top and back of head; without feathers on the head, as a bald vulture;..." How did our large, fully-feathered national symbol gain the name of "Bald"? As the centerpiece of the Seal of the United States, the national bird, with snowy white head and neck, should be called the *White Crowned Eagle*, not Bald!

Is there a consensus?

*Augustus Slater
Los Angeles, Calif.*

Arms to China

In the July issue debate as to whether we should sell defensive military equipment to China, Rep. Solomon votes "no," but overlooks the fact that if we don't furnish them we have some allies that would be happy to do so, namely France and Britain (and Israel?).

The caption did say "sell" and I would hope that is what we do rather than another giveaway program that depletes our arsenal with nothing in return.

*Gerald C. Hollis
South Haven, Mich.*

Veterans Day

Almighty Father, on this Day dedicated to the veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, we ask Your bountiful blessings on each and every one of them. We pray that the comradeship they experienced during their time of service may ever be a treasured memory of their lives, and that the fact of having served their country may be a source of enduring pride.

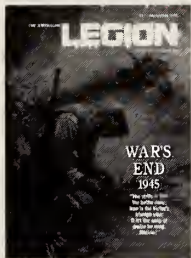
Most of all, we ask Your blessing on those in our veterans hospitals, many of them with no one, family or friend, to pay an occasional visit to lend a bit of cheer to their lonely existence.

Our veterans, Oh Heavenly Father, answered when our country called. When You, in Your own time, call them to You, we pray that their unselfish sacrifice may not be forgotten.

Amen.

*John D. Cavanah
Ardmore, Pa.*

Victory in the Pacific



"It is a mistake to regard the Americans as luxury-loving and weak. I can tell you the Americans are full of the spirit of justice, fight and adventure... Japan cannot beat America... therefore she should not fight America."

The prophecy outlived the prophet. Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, Japan's revered lord of the sea and commander in chief of the Japanese fleet, directed the attack on Pearl Harbor with the knowledge that Japan might lose the war. He died in a plane shot down by American fighters 16 months after Pearl Harbor.

Smashing the American Pacific fleet stimulated the United States to the greatest military effort in its history. The United States emerged from the war as the richest and most industrially advanced nation on the face of the Earth, and established forever the character, strength and durability of the nation and its fighting forces.

The enemy misjudged America's mettle and resolve to avenge Pearl Harbor. Rising up from the ashes of Pearl, America hitched up its collective will and struck back, demonstrating what can be accom-

plished by determined men and women possessing the will to win. The enemy called it a mission impossible, but American forces punched their way across the Pacific in a grueling game of amphibious hopscotch.

Island-hopping their way to the Japanese mainland, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines invaded fortified islands described by the Japanese as absolutely invincible. "A million men couldn't take Tarawa in a hundred years," the enemy boasted. A couple thousand bravehearted Americans took it in 76 hours, and marked the beginning of the end of Japan's dream of empire. Said one weary Japanese survivor: "Vital to every battle is the indefinable element we term aggressiveness, or spirit, or esprit de corps; whatever it is, the Americans had it."

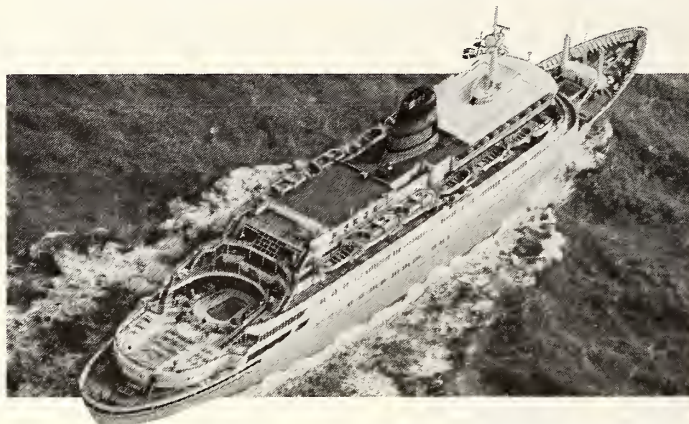
An old aphorism says a nation changes and yet remains the same. The character and the spirit of a people are blunted and shaped by time and events, almost as a mountain is changed by the centuries. Yet the basic material remains solid.

So it was with America. The bombing of Pearl Harbor was a shattering, calamitous change, but it did not change the character and spirit of America—the spirit of justice, fight and adventure that—for God and Country—would move America to victory in the Pacific, V-J Day.

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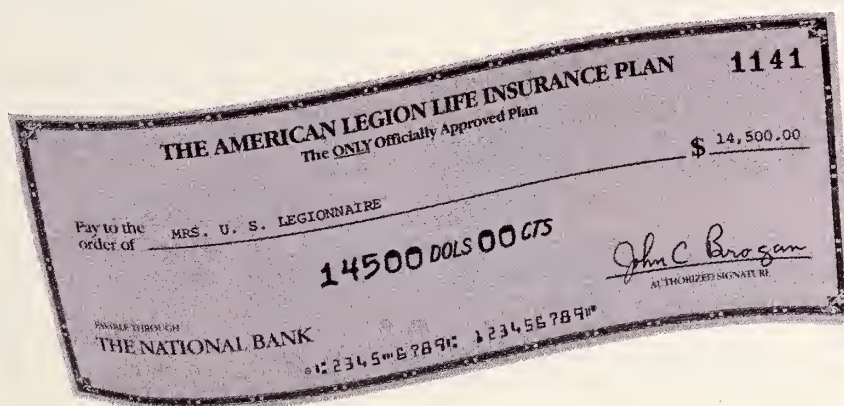
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60-64	11,520	10,560	9,600	7,680	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
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Fear of Reprisal

Despite the federal government's system of protection for "whistleblowers" against fraud and waste over the past two and a half years, there's been no rush to report the abuses.

The latest investigation by the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board discovered that only 25 percent of the government workers who claimed knowledge of illegal or wasteful action even bothered to report the incident. The two major reasons for such apathy were the belief that nothing corrective would happen anyway, and that the loyal employees calling the foul balls would experience reprisal rather than reward.

Of those federal employees who had the courage to blow the whistle in 1983, the study noted, 23 percent said they were victims of reprisal or threats of reprisal. The study concluded that federal laws are not enough to encourage "whistleblowing," and urged federal agencies to develop their own programs to halt waste and fraud, while finding ways to protect the finger-pointers.

KGB Runs Free at U.N.

The recent flurry of espionage cases is giving impetus to a congressional bill that would restrict the travel and activities of U.N. Secretariat employees who have been "seconded" to the United Nations.

Secretariat employees are, supposedly, international civil servants, owing their primary loyalty to the United Nations, not to their countries of origin. In reality, eastern bloc nations will permit their citizens to work for the Secretariat only on a temporary assignment, that is, they are "seconded" to the United Nations and their loyalty stays with their country.

Although diplomats from the USSR and its satellites are generally restricted in activities and travel in the United States, the "seconded" employees have no such restraints, and many of these are deeply engaged in spying operations, according to former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. Some 800 Soviets are employed by the United Nations, with 200 suspected of being KGB agents.

Sen. William V. Roth Jr., has introduced a measure to curtail the freedom of movement of this U.N. spy net as a counter-measure to the increasing espionage in the United States.

Designer Drug Threat

Even as U.S. drug enforcement agencies battle to dam up the flood of narcotics sweeping the nation's borders from a dozen foreign countries, a new and formidable threat looms inside the nation's gates—designer drugs.

Sen. Lawton Chiles addressed the Senate on the impending peril to American lives and health. He has cited at least 90 deaths and more than 500 cases of brain and nerve damage resulting from the new drug abuse.

Designer drugs, according to Chiles, are controlled substances chemically modified by substituting a molecule or

two of the original narcotic. The modification, he said, removes the drug from the definition of controlled narcotics; the drug then may be sold without violating the law. Worse still, he said, the so-minded chemist may outrun the drug enforcement agencies simply by changing the formula each time he is caught.

How big is this new drug problem? Some 20 percent of heroin users in California are reportedly switching from regular heroin to a designer form.

Chiles has introduced legislation calling for immediate investigation of the drug by both the federal government and the Office of Technology Assessment.

Insiders Outsteal Robbers

Bank insiders, within a year, stole eight times more money than bank robbers, according to the latest report by the Government Operation Committee in Washington. The figures show that more than 7,000 bank robberies occurred in 1982 with losses over \$21 million; however, federal deposit insurance funds for banking institutions will have to fork over more than \$1 billion as a result of inside jobs.

The failure of one-half of all commercial banks and one-quarter of all savings and loans from 1980 and 1983, according to the study, is blamed on criminal misconduct by bank officers, directors and people on the inside. Rep. Doug Barnard testified that the 15-month investigation "dispels the notion that the recent increase in bank failures is due to recession or to poor business judgment. Many of these banks did not just fail—they were robbed from the inside."

Statistics also revealed that banking agencies in 80 percent of the cases failed to pursue direct civil enforcement action against the culprits, while robberies are always detected and almost always reported.

Eye in the Sky Saves Lives

The United States launched its first weather satellite 25 years ago, and since has developed a sky-eye system that not only spots and tracks storms, typhoons and volcanic eruptions, but also detects distress signals on Earth in a search-and-rescue program that has saved more than 300 lives in the past three years.

Sen. Slade Gorton said that weather satellite data can be used to predict floods by monitoring rainfall and mountain snows, forecast frosts threatening citrus crops, guide fishermen to schools of fish, spot forest fires and even predict crop yields.

Quote of the Month

"I affirm with certainty that the financial and political center of international terrorism is the Soviet Union."

Mehmet Ali Agca
Turkish Terrorist

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Should Students Be Guaranteed a College Education?

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I.

My personal dream and belief is that young persons, if they have the ability and the motivation, should have the opportunity for 16 years of formal education.

YES



The demands of our increasingly technological society literally cry out for the extension of formal education beyond the current 12 years of elementary and secondary instruction. If they are to be prepared for the workplace, people need more than a high school education.

Near the turn of the century, state after state recognized the need to move from six years of formal education to 12. That move was accomplished so that education would more adequately prepare a young person for the workplace. When one considers the changes that have taken place in our society over the past 85 years, it becomes clear that we are long overdue in moving from 12 to 16 years of formal education.

A change of this nature would not be a radical departure in American education policy. Americans by the millions are already pursuing education beyond the 12-year secondary education requirement. Further, the dream of a college education is today within the reach of almost every American. Because of our system of federal student aid—grants, loans and work study—we are literally on the threshold of an era where no American will be denied the opportunity of 16 years of education because he lacks the personal or family wealth to finance it.

The achievements we have made on an informal basis over the past decade have been remarkable. Since its inception, the Pell Grant program has helped more than 20 million students pursue a postsecondary education. The Pell Grants and the GI Bill have altered the face of American education, and few would doubt the benefits they have brought our country.

I have long believed that the real strength and health of our nation depends on the sum total of the education and character of our people. Ensuring that 16 years of formal education are available to those who have the ability and the motivation would be consistent with that belief, and would most certainly strengthen the fiber of our nation. Accordingly, it is time that we have an official policy, either nationally or on a state-by-state basis, that guarantees 16 years of formal education to all Americans who have the ability and the motivation to pursue it. □

Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas



NO

The Constitution of the United States begins by defining what the federal government will “provide” to its citizens, and what it will “promote,” to mean “guarantee.” Everything from food, housing, transportation, jobs, infant milk—the list is infinite—has a federal program to supply it to the American public.

Not least among these is the college degree. I have always felt that, like a living, a college education should be earned. Many of my more liberal colleagues in the Congress feel it is up to the government to provide both of them. The results have been disastrous.

The much-vaunted student loan program is heavily abused, with a default rate of more than 30 times that of private lending institutions. Furthermore, the distribution of federal money in the form of guaranteed student loans is an inherently inequitable transfer of tax dollars. It more frequently occurs that a single mother in Ohio is taxed so a lawyer in Massachusetts can send his son to Harvard than vice-versa.

That tax money would be better spent by individuals. We do not need more federal spending in education. We need to provide parents and students with the opportunity and freedom to meet their own educational needs.

There are a number of excellent reforms pending in Congress, but the liberal leadership of the House refuses to let them surface. One such bill, the Family Education Assistance Act, would allow the creation of Education Savings Accounts, which are similar to Individual Retirement Accounts. Parents and students could save up to \$1,500 per year, with the capital and interest remaining tax free so long as the money is being used for educational expenses. If a family began saving from a child's first birthday, imagine the freedom of choice it would have when the child reached college age.

This is only one idea that would promote individual initiative. I have a friend at the University of Texas at Arlington, Barbara Lutz, who has initiated an effective work-study program that benefits student and employer participants. Students in her program work 20 to 30 hours a week while earning their degrees. They get valuable experience, and their grades are better as a group than those of “professional students.”

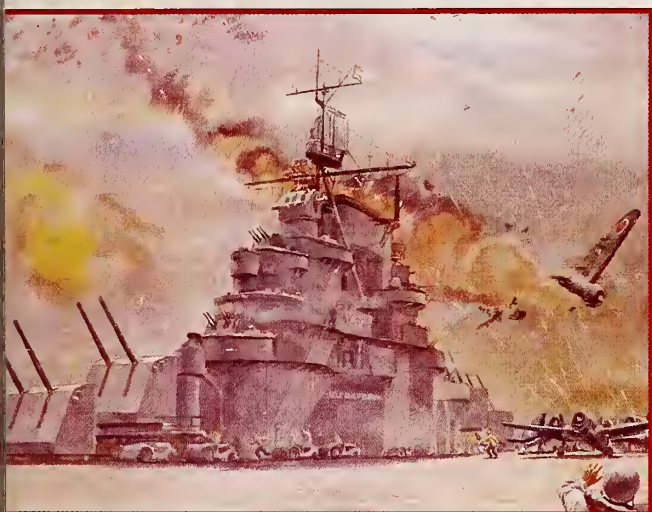
Let's be honest, college students have evolved into one of the most privileged classes in American society, and the federal government has promoted this luxury. Government should encourage college education, not guarantee it. □

"Iwo Jima" (Oil painting by Howard Chandler Christy)

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ARMY PHOTOGRAPHS



U.S. NAVY COMBAT ART

"Kamikaze" (Oil painting by Dwight Shepler)



U.S. NAVY COMBAT ART

"Death of the Shoho" (Oil painting by Robert Benny)

the Orient. Hundreds of ships were massed to transport war equipment from European ports directly to the Philippines, the England of the Asian war. In this case, however, the rear base was 1,300 miles from the front, instead of just across the English Channel.

Summer brought the first cutbacks in the military production plants—the United

States then had more than enough hardware to finish the war—but saw the biggest transport year in the history of American railroads. The Army placed orders for 1,200 troop sleepers, while President Truman appealed for volunteers for railroad work to move the troops and military equipment. The government announced that the home front would see shortages

in food, clothing and shelter for months to come; gasoline would continue to be rationed; and coal would be in short supply for home heating.

Meantime, Gen. Curtis LeMay's air forces were systematically burning Japan to the ground. The campaign had opened the night of March 9 with the great fire raid on Tokyo. Instead of daylight, high-level bombing, the Superfortresses switched to low-level, night-time bombing using incendiaries.

The first raid by 334 bombers dropped 2,000 tons of fire bombs and set off the greatest single blaze in history. In one night more than 16 square miles of Tokyo were destroyed, some 83,000 people burned to death and more than a million people left homeless.

Two nights later Nagoya was the target, followed by Osaka, then Kobe and finally every major industrial city on Honshu, the main Japanese island. What was left of Japan went underground and industry dispersed to private homes in scattered locations. Even Emperor Hirohito retired to bombproof quarters under the Imperial Palace.

Japan was nearly out of petroleum, steel, aluminum—everything needed for war. The Japanese military coined a new slogan, "One Hundred Million Die Together," and rallied the people for a last stand, Ketsu-Go, which meant Operation Decision.

Several thousand planes, many of them barely able to fly, had been hoarded for the last kamikaze. The generals

IMAGES OF VICTORY—America vented its emotions when banner headlines across the nation trumpeted war's end after Gen. MacArthur signed the documents aboard the USS Missouri. Exultation was global—from wounded soldiers in U.S. hospitals, to GIs in London, Paris and Honolulu. The bloodshed was over and peace was restored.

reported 2.3 million troops could be massed at the beaches to throw the American invaders into the sea, and nearly 4 million civilians could be formed into a militia for the showdown. Military weapons were being rushed back from Manchuria and China, and old weapons were being assembled—muzzle-loaders, spears of sharpened bamboo, even bows and arrows.

As early as June, the Japanese had sought help from the Soviet Union, with which it still maintained diplomatic relations. Stalin played for time, not telling the Japanese he had already made a deal with Roosevelt and Churchill at Yalta in February. Within 90 days after the war in Europe ended, Stalin had promised the Soviet Union would declare war on Japan and attack enemy forces in Manchuria. (At the Potsdam meeting in July, Stalin raised his glass to Truman and Churchill and toasted, "Here's to our next meeting, in Tokyo.") Stalin

"Tarawa" (Oil painting by Sgt. Tom Lovell USMC)



USMC ART COLLECTION

kept his promise to the day in Manchuria, but he never saw Tokyo, a thought that gave Truman nightmares.

It is now known that the Atomic Age was born in the last days of July 1945. Only a very few men knew it then, but now it can be seen that the events tumbled out in a logical and inexorable sequence. The first bomb (Fat Man) exploded before dawn July 16 at Alamogordo, N.M. Within hours, the news reached President Truman, who was then meeting with Churchill and Stalin at Potsdam. Truman told Churchill, but not Stalin.

On July 24, Truman received word that two more bombs would be ready within 10 days. Without hesitation, he authorized the first drop, and on July 25 the order went forward: "The 509 Composite Group, 20th Air Force, will deliver its first special bomb as soon as weather will permit visual bombing after about 3 August 1945 on one of the targets: Hiroshima, Kokura, Niigata or Nagasaki."

On July 26, Japan received its last chance. Truman conferred with Churchill (but not Stalin) and issued the Potsdam Declaration. Japan had a choice, it said: unconditional surrender or "the utter devastation of the Japanese homeland." Within two days the Japanese answer came: The Potsdam Declaration was "unworthy of consideration," "absurd" and "presumptuous."

Actually, the Japanese were coming down to a final, bitter internal struggle involving perhaps a score of the highest military and political leaders and the Emperor. They all knew the war was lost, but that powerful mystique, the ancient Japanese code of the warrior, forbade any mention of defeat. The nation was paralyzed, but events would not wait.

By fate (and clear weather) the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan's eighth largest city. The city



A VICTORY BOND—A sailor grabs attention in Times Square as he expresses his jubilation the best way he knows.

was nearly obliterated. That day, Aug. 6, 1945, opened a new era in the history of man.

President Truman, returning from Potsdam, was at lunch aboard the cruiser USS *Augusta* in the Atlantic Ocean when the word came. Characteristically, he was eating in the mess hall with the enlisted men. He could not contain himself and thus the sailors became the first to know about "the atom bomb."

Soon the official statement, prepared well in advance, was issued from Washington. President Truman declared: "Sixteen hours ago an American airplane dropped one bomb on Hiroshima, an important Japanese Army base. That bomb had more power than 20,000 tons of TNT."

Twenty Thousand Tons Of TNT. Incredible! The instant he heard that, every American serviceman, no matter where he was, knew the war was over. We had more bombs like the Hiroshima one, the President said, and we were ready to use them.

"Let there be no mistake," he said. "We shall completely destroy Japan's power to

make war...If they do not now accept our terms they may expect a rain of ruin from the air the likes of which has never been seen on this earth. Behind this air attack will follow sea and land forces in such number and power as they have not yet seen and with the fighting skill of which they are already well aware."

Two days later the Japanese suffered another crushing blow. On Aug. 8, Molotov summoned the Japanese ambassador to the Kremlin and read him a short statement, the last line of which said: "The Soviet Government declares that from tomorrow, that is, from Aug. 9, the Soviet Union will consider herself in a state of war against Japan." Russian armies had already crossed the Manchurian border from both east and west, and were driving toward Harbin, the leading city. Also on Aug. 9, the second atom bomb was detonated, this one on the industrial city of Nagasaki.

The Japanese psyche could not withstand these blows. Even the Emperor, the divine

figure, was stunned by the magnitude of the human tragedy before him. He could no longer accept the suffering of his people. He summoned the leaders to the palace and ordered them to accept the Potsdam Declaration.

There was chaos in the High Command, but the Emperor stood firm. Some generals and admirals committed hari-kari, many wept openly at the humiliation, some flew off toward Okinawa on the final kamikaze suicide mission, some accepted reverentially the word of the Emperor, others plotted to steal and destroy the speech he had recorded for broadcast to all the empire. (This plot was foiled; the Divine One had made two recordings, each kept in separate vaults until the appointed time.)

At exactly noon, Tokyo time, on Aug. 15, 1945, shocked millions of Japanese heard the voice of their Emperor for the first time in his reign: "After pondering deeply the general trends of the world and the actual conditions obtaining in Our Empire today, we have decided to effect a settlement of the present situation by resorting to an extraordinary measure," the Imperial announcement began.

"We have ordered Our Government to communicate to the Governments of the United States, Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union that Our Empire accepts the provisions of their Joint Declaration," the Emperor said. The word "surrender" (or anything like it) does not appear in the speech, and the nearest the Emperor came to describing Japan's true situation was in one of those elliptical Oriental phrases. Despite the Japanese having done their utmost, he said, "the war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage..." That was indeed true, even the Japanese understood.

In the United States there
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HALTING THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

As the number of nations with nuclear weapons continues to rise, stronger controls on exporting nuclear technology are imperative.

**By Sen. Charles
McC. Mathias**

FORTY years ago last month, August 6, 1945, a B-29 Superfortress took off from Tinian Island in the Philippine Sea en route to the city of Hiroshima. At 8:16 a.m., the Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb that exploded 2,000 feet above the industrial section of the city. The result not only revolutionized warfare, but also created a dramatic change in civilization. The nuclear age had begun.

A few weeks later, in September, I witnessed the devastating results when I visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I was a crew member of USS *Appalachian*, one of the first U.S. Navy ships to reach Japan and to visit the sites of the world's first nuclear bomb raids.

I walked through the atomic ashes of Hiroshima. The entire city was leveled. As I approached the edge of the city, I saw the first evidence of the bombing. Window panes blown out, doors blown off hinges—and, as I continued toward the center of the city, the damage got progressively worse. Near the epicenter, everything was destroyed. What had been a populous urban center was as flat as a Kansas wheat field.

Thanks to good luck and a general appreciation of the deadly nature of the nuclear bomb, nuclear weapons have

not been used since World War II. But nuclear annihilation still threatens.

The relationship between the world's nuclear superpowers has deteriorated to its lowest point in recent memory, while the number of nations moving toward a nuclear weapons capability is increasing. The proliferation is both horizontal and vertical; it reflects growing volume and improving technology.

To reduce this threat, the United States over the years has imposed a number of stringent conditions on the

"Some argue that so much damage already has been done that the spread of nuclear weapons cannot be stopped."

export of our own nuclear technology and equipment to non-nuclear weapons nations, especially to those who have not yet signed the 1970 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. In 1978, Congress passed the Nuclear Nonproliferation Act (NNPA), which requires that any purchaser of U.S. nuclear equipment must place both the item to be exported and all its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection. At the same time, the Carter Administration went so far as to ban any U.S. exports involving uranium enrichment or reprocessing. I support the NNPA, although it has been criticized as adversely affecting development of nuclear energy in developing nations.

Last year Congress considered legislation that not only would satisfy the critics, but also would strengthen con-

trols over nuclear proliferation. These proposals were amendments to the FY 1985 Export Administration Act (EAA), which would have established oversight guidelines for virtually everything exported by the United States, including nuclear materials and equipment.

The FY 1985 EAA did not survive the rigors of conference committee, nor did an amendment that would have limited severely the U.S. export supply of nuclear materials and equipment.

I offered still another amendment to the EAA urging the President to take immediate action to achieve a consensus among nations who are nuclear suppliers to tighten restrictions on continued nuclear commerce. This amendment, approved by the Senate, also was lost when the EAA conference committee disintegrated. But the 99th Congress presents a new opportunity for action, and I am working to ensure that the most rational of these proposals become law this session.

On an international level, an issue that deserves immediate attention is coordinated, worldwide action to slow the growth of dangerous nuclear proliferation. As is the case with most unilateral embargoes or restrictions, a supplier usually can be replaced by a competitor, whether it is for grain or low-grade uranium. Nuclear-supplier nations must reach a consensus on the best way to work together to forge a firm, far-sighted and effective nuclear supply policy.

Halting the spread of nuclear weapons is a challenge that will involve close cooperation between the superpowers as well as international agreement among supplier nations not to help other countries acquire the relevant technology for the sake of a quick buck.

The world today is a dangerous enough place. We should be doing everything in our power to make it less so. □



As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr., is a leader in congressional efforts to control the spread of nuclear weapons.

EDUCATION

In AMERICA

Getting Back To Basics

As school bells again ring across the nation, the U.S. Secretary of Education, William J. Bennett, takes a close look at education problems—teaching and curriculum shortcomings, drugs and discipline, rising costs—and offers an insider's views on solutions. His most important: A return to basics and more involvement by you and your community.

American Legion Magazine: Mr. Secretary, many people are distressed over the state of education in the United States today; what do you consider the most important steps to improve our educational system?

Secretary Bennett: First, we should continue the conversations that have been going on now for two years in a pronounced and focused way. We've had a lot of studies and reports, but the action has now moved to where it should be—to the states and localities. I think that the intelligence, initiative and involvement of the public in the crucial questions facing education over the next few years will be the biggest help, the biggest plus. One of the interesting things about educational reform in our time is that it's not being led, for the most part, by educators but by the American public. The American people are saying, "We are distressed with the state of learning in our schools, and we need to fix it."

Q. What are the main problems as you see them?

A. The educational reform movement began by identifying demonstrable problems, such as declining test scores. While average Scholastic Achievement Test scores declined in the United States from '65 to '80, there was also a dramatic decline at the upper levels. These are very serious matters.

Apart from that, there's a sense in many of our schools of a loss of focus, confidence, morale. Where are they going? What are they for? There are serious problems in schools having to do with discipline. In some cases, there is violence, or outright criminality. In more places there is a sense of purposelessness and a lack of an orderly environment—not out-and-out violence, but listlessness. This is why half the American people give schools a grade of "C" or less. That's intolerable for a people that puts as much faith in education as we Americans do.

Q. Does all this mirror our society's problems?

A. In some ways it does. The schools, I think, both lead us in the sense that they tell us about the problems that the rest of society may have to face, but they're also a repository of some of the ideas that spring up. In the '60s and '70s the schools seemed to me to be the dumping ground for just about every bad idea that came down the pike. If somebody had a cockamamie notion about how to improve education, it seemed that the more cockamamie it was, the more likely it was going to be put into effect.

Q. But what do we do about these problems?

A. One, active involvement of the local community. If schools are to be improved, it will not happen unless there's the active involvement of local communities, parents, interested citizens, business. That is, the pressure has to remain where it is on the education establishment to make our educational system conform to the ideals and wishes of the American people.

The American people have a very clear idea of what they want their educational system to do and to be. Asked, "What should our schools do?" They came up with a number of answers, but their two top answers as the two most important

goals of the school were: (1) Teach our children how to speak and write and read correctly, and (2) Help them develop reliable standards of right and wrong.

Those are sensible goals—wholesome and thoughtful and realizable goals. You *can* do these things. How? You need to identify the best leaders you can and make them superintendents and principals. You have to reward excellent teachers and that means through honors and awards and recognitions and, I think, through salaries or bonuses. You have to involve the parents more actively so that they have a good idea of what's being taught in the schools and are comfortable with it. We have to look at textbooks, though that's not a job of the federal government. There *are* good textbooks out there that can be used, and more care has to be taken in their selection.

Q. What do you see as the primary role of the federal government in education?

A. Well, I think the role of the federal government is *not* primary. Yet, there are some things that the federal government can and should do. *First*, we need to be sensitive to the protection of individual rights as our Constitution defines them. *Second*, there are a number of programs we support that are aimed at increasing or providing for equal educational opportunity. We will enforce those. *Third*, I think the federal government ought to be relied on as the best source of information about what works and what doesn't work. We should develop the data. We should be able to say here are states that have really progressed, and here's why. Here are the things that work. Here are the things that

don't. For instance, in the report we just issued called, "Becoming A Nation of Readers," it says at the beginning that if we did for all students what we did for some, we would have no illiteracy in this country. That kind of thing, I think, is a very helpful federal contribution.

But what's *not* helpful is for people in a locality to look to Washington and say, "There's something wrong with our schools. What are *you* going to do about it?" It's got to be done there, at the site.

Q. How about government financial aid for students?

A. We have seen government spending for education increase over the past 15 years and at the same time we have seen a decline in education. I do not think that the Department of Education has caused the educational decline, but I think it's simply not very relevant. I think that a lot of the programs we've administered are fine. They've helped people

If I could wave a wand and change one thing in the schools—only one—it would be to get the drugs out, all of them, right now.

who need help—but in terms of the large picture of American education, the federal government is not the major player and can't be. Partisan considerations aside, the debate between those who want us to keep federal spending down and those who want to expand federal spending in education is a debate between people who think it should be 6 percent to 8 percent of spending on education as opposed to those who think it should be 11 percent. This means that some 90 percent of the money comes from elsewhere, and *that* money is going to determine what happens. I hate to think of the federal government being used as either an excuse or a distraction for not acting in your own community to straighten the situation.

Q. How about limiting the level of student loans?

A. We've seen a tripling of this program in 10 years and we don't see any signs of the prices charged by institutions of higher education going down. The system does not make sense the way it runs, and we have got to make changes in it. The first responsibility for the financing of one's higher education has to be one's own and one's family's. Where the individual cannot afford it through his own best efforts, through all the other means at his disposal in this society, I think it's reasonable for the federal government to say, "Look, any student that's qualified is going to be able to get higher education and we're going to help." But to say the federal government has to foot the *entire* bill, no matter what the cost, is unreasonable.

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William J. Bennett, a long-time proponent of improving the quality of education in the United States, was appointed U.S. Secretary of Education in February 1985.



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ERNIE PYLE'S 'HOME COUNTRY'

GEN. OMAR BRADLEY ONCE SAID, "MY MEN ALWAYS FOUGHT BETTER WHEN ERNIE WAS AROUND." He was, of course, referring to America's beloved journalist, Ernie Pyle, who was killed by enemy fire in 1945 after winning the Pulitzer Prize for his "little guy" stories about the GIs of WWII.

Ten years earlier, Ernie Pyle left a desk news job in Washington, D.C., to begin a five-year courtship with America, crisscrossing the continent 20 times and traveling 165,000 miles. He wrote a story a day about the people and places he saw. He shed tears for the sharecroppers of the South, marveled at the magic of Birmingham and Seattle, immortalized the city benches of St. Petersburg and shared laughs with Fort Worth waitresses. Here are a few brief scenes of the America Ernie Pyle saw in that troubled decade.

YOU general farmers around Indianapolis who may read this, you beet farmers in Colorado, you citrus farmers in California, I don't believe you can possibly conceive of what life is like for half the farmers in the South.

A young man and woman marry. They are of sixth-grade intelligence, and sunk in the hopelessness and listlessness of one-mule, sharecropping, debt-owing farming. Their parents can't help them, so they go to a supply merchant for "furnishing" and start life in debt. Thereafter, the girl gets pregnant as soon and as frequently as possible. They live on fat meat and corn meal, three meals a day. She has never heard of a women's club. The house is filthy and stays that way. She carries her little baby down to the fence row, lays him down, and works in the field. She knows only a few neighbors. Maybe twice a year she goes to town. She doesn't read anything and they have no radio. They use coal-oil lamps and the floors are bare. Likely as not, they don't even have a privy. The children are half naked and covered with sores. Soon she is old, and her sickly brood goes out to repeat the process. She chews snuff, spits at the fireplace, hits the wall, and there it stays for posterity—her mark in life.

TO me the summer wind in the Midwest is one of the most melancholy things in all life. It comes from so far and blows so gently and yet so relentlessly; it rustles the leaves and the branches of the maple trees in a sort of symphony of sadness, and it doesn't pass on and leave them still. It just keeps coming, like the infinite flow of Old Man River. You could—and you do—wear out your lifetime on the dusty plains with that wind of futility blowing in your face. And when you are worn out and gone, the wind—still saying nothing, still so gentle and sad and timeless—is still blowing across the prairies, and will blow in the faces of the little men who follow you, forever.

THEY call Birmingham the "Magic City" because it grew so fast. In less than seventy years it climbed from nothing to almost a quarter of a million. Unlike most southern cities, Birmingham has no Civil War history. It didn't exist then.

It is the Pittsburgh of the South. All the ingredients are right there—iron ore, coal, and whatever is that other thing it takes to make steel...

Birmingham is, I believe, the most

beautiful industrial city in America. The downtown part is neat and modern, and the residential sections are superb. There are hills and mountains all around, and up on the hillsides, on winding streets and back among trees are the homes—homes ranging from the ones you and I might buy on the installment plan, on up to the castles of the millionaires. The only thing I didn't like about Birmingham, was that when you blew your nose in the morning you wondered if you hadn't been cleaning chimneys in your sleep.

THE St. Petersburg sidewalks are very wide, and the benches are on the outer edge, at right angles to the street. One after another, like the rows in a theater, for block after block. By ten o'clock of a warm morning it's almost impossible to find a seat. And it is an unwritten law that you may sit down beside any stranger on a green bench and start talking to him. If he doesn't respond and talk pleasantly back, he is rude and we hope nobody ever speaks to him again as long as he lives.

It is a city law that all public benches must be green, and made of wood.

OKLAHOMA is one of the friendliest states in the Union. Taxi drivers open the front door, so you can ride up front. If there's just one passenger he always rides with the driver, and they talk.

Oklahoma City is an especially friendly town. People there have a pride about their town—not a silly civic pride, but that same feeling that exists in San Francisco and New Orleans. They just wouldn't live anywhere else, that's all. I, too, liked Oklahoma City, but I had a little bone to pick with it. In no other place had I ever seen the absolute wall of billboards that you got coming into Oklahoma City from the west. I could hardly believe my eyes. After you looked a while it really got comical. In the last 10 miles I'll bet there were 2,000 billboards.



AT a coffee shop in Fort Worth they used checks of stiff cardboard. And we noticed that the waitress always turned up one corner of the check when she put it on the table. We puzzled over this. I thought it was some kind of code signal to the cashier. We thought it had something to do with the bookkeeping. The longer we pondered the deeper we got. At last, thoroughly baffled, I said to the cashier, "What do they turn up the edge of the check like this for?"

"So you can pick it up easier."

A guy like me sure goes around making life difficult for himself.

IN New Mexico it is lawful to carry a six-shooter while traveling. But you must put it safely away within half an hour after reaching your destination. Why half an hour? I have no idea, unless it's to give you legal time to dispose of any citizens who might be personally obnoxious to you.

THE night the Lurline sailed from San Francisco I stood on the rolling deck in the cold wind and listened to the wash of the ocean against our sides, and saw the moonlight make a boiling strip across the flaky waters, and felt a great isolation from the good earth. By morning we would be hun-

dreds of miles from our native soil—a white speck alone on the endless blue of the Pacific...

I noticed there was always a little crowd at the back rail, looking down onto the afterdeck below. Finally I went to see what the attraction was. You wouldn't guess. It was the rich passengers in first class, standing at the rail and watching the passengers down in cabin class having a good time. The cabin class paid no attention. They went ahead with their shuffleboard, walking their dogs and sunning themselves.

Cabin class wasn't steerage, by any means. Cabin class had a fine dining room, and social halls and a swimming tank, and a lot of nice things. It was merely a little cheaper, and it permitted a sharp line of distinction to be drawn—something that Americans decry but most demand.

WHEN we came into Kansas, it had been raining for twelve hours. The earth was wet, and we were thus spared the spectacle of a Kansas dust storm. But we saw what we could not have seen if the air had been filled with dust: the terrific desolation of western Kansas. You might honestly say there was nothing left of West Kansas. A few miles from the village of Lakin I stopped, shoved open the door, and stood on the running board to look

around. The land was as flat as a billiard table. The horizon was far, far away. Following the horizon around, as you sometimes gaze out from a ship at sea, I saw not a solitary thing but bare earth, and a few lonely, empty farmhouses. As far as the eye could see there was not a tree, or a blade of grass, or a fence, or a field; not a flower or a stalk of corn, or a dog or a cow, or a human being—nothing at all but gray raw earth and a few farm houses and barns, sticking up like white cattle skeletons on the desert. There was nobody in the houses; the people had given up and gone. It was death, if I have ever seen death.

THE prairies are all right. The mountains are all right. The forests and the deserts and the clear clean air of the heights, they're all right... But what a bewitching thing is a city of the sea. It was good to be in Seattle—to hear the foghorns on the Sound, and the deep bellow of departing steamers; to feel the creeping fog all around you, the fog that softens things and makes a velvet trance out of the nighttime. It was good to say to yourself, "Out there through the mist is China. Out there the dirty freighters go, and the fishermen for Alaska." And it was good to hear the tall and slyly outlandish tales that float up and down Puget Sound. □

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OF THEE I SING!

A Photo Essay of the Hymn "America"



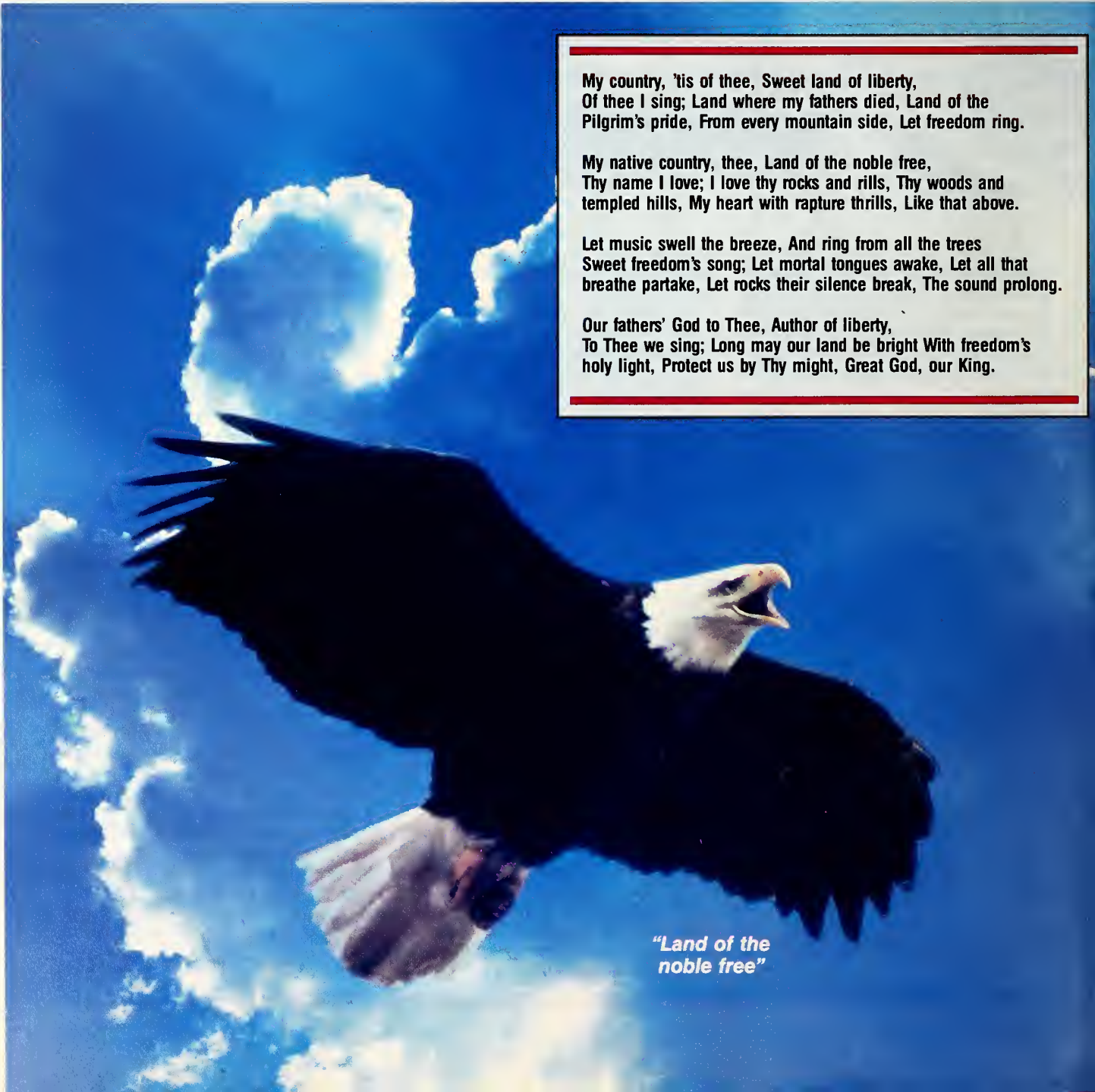
"Sweet land of liberty"

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the
Pilgrim's pride, From every mountain side, Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
templed hills, My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that
breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's
holy light, Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.



*"Land of the
noble free"*



"From every mountain side, Let freedom ring"



"Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light"



***"I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills"***



***"Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King"***



A SOVEREIGN SOVIET COMPOUND OPERATING ON THE SECOND HIGHEST POINT IN THE HEART OF WASHINGTON IS EQUIPPED FOR MORE THAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.



TIMOTHY A. MURPHY, U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

SOVIET EMBASSY—This site gives Soviets an edge for electronic spying.

THE SOVIET EMBASSY A CITY WITHIN A CITY

By William J. Gill

ATOP Mount Alto, the second highest hill in Washington, D.C., a Soviet city within a city is gradually becoming the Communist spy capital in the United States.

Dubbed by some residents as the "Kremlin on the Potomac," the gleaming compound occupies the previous site of a Veterans Administration hospital torn

down to make way for the eight new buildings. The complex commands a spectacular view of the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon and a number of government buildings housing sensitive agencies.

The potential for electronic eavesdropping is apparent; there is evidence that the Soviets already may be intercepting microwave telephone calls from several tall apartment buildings within the sprawling complex.

Even shock-proof Washingtonians goggle and shake their heads in disbelief as they drive past the huge walled-in citadel that crowns Wisconsin Avenue,

one of the main traffic arteries into the city.

However, what is seen from Wisconsin Avenue is merely the tip of the Soviet iceberg. On the other side of this towering, 10-acre fortress surrounded by high prison-like walls and steel-wire fence, stretches the equivalent of nearly four city blocks.

Inside the walls is a massive eight-story building that will house the Soviet

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embassy, a large ambassador's residence, a chancellery, consulate, a school with a playground and several huge apartment buildings. One of the buildings is a nine-story, 165-unit structure the Soviets moved into shortly after taking possession of Mount Alto in 1979. Beneath the compound is a large underground parking garage, which the neighbors only half-jokingly call "the Soviet bomb shelter."

How did the Soviet Union win permission to build such a commanding complex in our nation's capital? In 1969, during the infancy of detente, while a half-million American troops were in Vietnam, the State Department engineered a lop-sided trade with the USSR. The swap ultimately gave the Soviets a long-term lease on the hill in exchange for a new U.S. embassy in the USSR on the downside slope of the Moscow River.

Neither embassy complex will be fully occupied until both are complete, if they strictly adhere to the terms of the treaty. Both the United States and the USSR reserved the right to have their own workman finish off the interiors of the principal buildings.

Since American workers and contractors pride themselves in meeting deadlines, the exteriors of the new Soviet buildings in Washington are virtually complete. But the U.S. embassy compound in Moscow is way behind schedule, possibly as much as three years from completion.

The delay in Moscow will at least keep the Soviets from fully occupying the Mount Alto complex until our embassy facilities are completed on the banks of the Moskva. Yet, even as spy matters now stand in Washington our security people have their hands full.

FBI Director William H. Webster told a Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism on April 3 of this year that "the presence in the United States of nearly 4,300 officials from the Soviet Union, Soviet Bloc countries, Cuba and the People's Republic of China, and the visits of tens of thousands of tourists, commercial representatives, and students from these countries, made the FBI's mission a difficult one."

To keep at least a cursory eye on these officials, the FBI has a force of 21,408 permanent employees, many of them solely devoted to criminal investigations. Although the number of agents and other personnel assigned to counter-intelligence is classified, it is known that a significant portion of the FBI's budget funds this important activity.

Of the 4,300 communist diplomats in the United States, some 600 are Soviet personnel based in Washington. Why, then, does the USSR need Mount Alto

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for just 600 people? The answer would seem to be that the Soviets have ambitious plans for expanding their presence in the American capital.

Currently, the Soviets are deployed at seven other locations in Washington, in addition to the Mount Alto apartments. The present embassy is four blocks from the White House. The Soviet military mission is off Massachusetts Avenue across from the Islamic Mosque, the TASS News Agency is in the National Press Building, and the Soviet trade office occupies a mansion high on Connecticut Avenue just above the Washington Hilton Hotel. A consulate, agricultural ministry office, maritime mission and information office are scattered elsewhere.

All these locations are regarded as potential electronic listening posts for the Soviets. Edward J. O'Malley, the FBI's chief of counter-intelligence,

AMERICAN EMBASSY—Facing an open street in Moscow, the compound has no walls, no barriers and offers little opportunity to eavesdrop.

warns Americans to "be very careful what you say on the telephone. Do not use an open line" when discussing security-sensitive or personnel problems.

He was speaking not only of the Washington area, but also of all 50 states. Although the Soviet diplomats in the United States are restricted in their travels, the Soviet Bloc officials are not. Often it is the Bloc surrogates who pull off the biggest espionage coups for the USSR.

For example, an employee of a West Coast aircraft manufacturer delivered top secrets to a Soviet Bloc agent. The FBI arrested the employee and the agent after a three-year investigation. The employee confessed and was sentenced to eight years in prison. The agent got life, with the prospect of being released in a future spy exchange.

James E. Nolan Jr., was the FBI's counter-intelligence operations chief when that case was cracked. Today he is the director of the Foreign Missions office in the State Department, a unit set up under a 1982 law to achieve parity between the large Soviet diplomatic representation in Washington and the much smaller American mission in Moscow. By the end of this year, the State Department hopes to send Russian-speaking Americans to Moscow to man the embassy switchboards.

Whatever is done at this level in Moscow, it will have little effect on Soviet Spying in the United States. The FBI arrested a record 15 Communist spies last year and 18 were expelled in the past two years. But FBI Director Webster testified in April that "this represents only the tip of the iceberg."

That iceberg is bound to grow exponentially in the years ahead if Mount Alto is any gauge of the Soviets' plan for expanding their espionage operations in Washington and the rest of the United States. □

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'TO BEAR ANY BURDEN'

FORMER Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes has noted that since 1776, America won eight wars, tied one and lost one. "Now, 8-1-1 is not a bad record," said Woody, "but I don't like the trend."

Audiences chuckled. But in a strict military sense, the men who fought in Korea achieved their objective—they stopped the Communists—and the worst that can be said about our mission in Vietnam is that we defaulted.

"There was no case where U.S. forces were defeated in a major battle by the North Vietnamese or the Viet Cong," said retired Army Col. Harry Summers, respected military historian and combat veteran of Korea and Vietnam. "We won every one of the battles. Our problem was, as Clausewitz pointed out 150 years ago, that successful battles in and of themselves are meaningless unless they are directed to a strategic end."

"Tactical Victory, Strategic Defeat" is the title of Summers' contribution to a new book on Vietnam, *"To Bear Any Burden"* (Dutton, 367 pp., \$18.95.) Authored by Al Santoli, a decorated combat veteran of Vietnam, the book is a collection of in-depth interviews with 48 individuals—Americans and Indochinese, military and civilian, men and women—directly involved in the war.

Most of Santoli's people are relatively unknown; some fought on the Communist side before defecting. Yet, by telling of the war and its aftermath in their own frank and often searing terms, this disparate group offers a compelling close-up of how it *really* was—and is. There also is a remarkable degree of concurrence on how and why the war was lost, and what this means in today's world.

Foremost, there is a consensus that America *could* have won the Vietnam war and *should* have won it, given the horrors inflicted on our Indochina allies

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Despite ground rules that often limited their effectiveness, U.S. troops in South Vietnam won all the major battles, but wound up losing the peace.

since 1975 and the incalculable damage to U.S. credibility after we abandoned them. Clearly, Washington sought not to win the war, but to contain and end it without provoking Moscow or Beijing and without disrupting life on the home front. For too long, U.S. policymakers clung to the belief Hanoi could be forced by selectively applied American firepower to cease its aggression and live and let live. The policy was illusory and self-defeating, playing directly into the enemy's hands and bringing to mind the famous quotation by General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur: "There is no substitute for victory."

Mark Berent, an Air Force fighter pilot who served four Vietnam tours between 1965 and 1973, speaks scathingly of the so-called "rules of engagement" that restricted our military forces to a no-win strategy. "We were forced to fight the war with one hand tied behind our back, one eye blinded and only half a pocket full of ammunition," said Berent. He recalled with bitterness the loss of many of his fellow airmen because of rules forbidding pre-emptive strikes against enemy military targets. "And where the hell do you think all the POWs came from?" he asked. "Eighty percent of the POWs were aircrews. And they were shot down by SAM sites and MiG sites they watched being built. And in South Vietnam, the movement of supplies and troops from North Vietnam contributed to American deaths on the battlefield..."

Reviewing the Santoli book in the Washington weekly, *Human Events*, DeWitt S. Copp, the veteran journalist whose authoritative two-volume history of the U.S. Air Force is widely

acclaimed, revealed that the "rules of engagement" were not the Air Force's idea. "In early 1965," said Copp, "the Air Force had done a study on North Vietnam and came up with a plan to take out 96 critical targets. Air Force planners maintained that if the 96 targets could be hit at the same time and hit until they were destroyed, North Vietnam would be ready to make peace." But, as Copp relates, "the Army disagreed and so did the White House, and instead the murderous strategy of 'gradualism' was instituted, which Berent describes."

THE anger and frustration of American servicemen comes through in other Santoli interviews. "When Nixon went into Cambodia in 1970," said former 1st Division infantryman Fran McCarthy, "it enraged me because we should have done it in 1965. In 1970 it was too late. The press had turned the public against the war."

Summers describes it this way: "Public opinion at home turned when the average citizen perceived that we didn't know what we were doing. That we had no plan to end the war. And we didn't know what constituted victory. Meanwhile, the North Vietnamese goals were clearly expressed. They said that they were fighting the second *Indochina* war. So their use of Laos and Cambodia was never hidden. They called Cambodia's 'Parrot Beak' area 'Kennedy's Garden,' because it was the United States that permitted them to use the sanctuaries. It was amazing what we did. It was a self-inflicted wound."

From the enemy's perspective, there



U.S. ARMY

also was some amazement. Nguyen Tuong Lai, a former Vietcong regimental commander who defected to Europe after the war, said: "Fighting the Americans was easy because of the restrictions they imposed on themselves." But, Lai confirmed that the 1968 Tet offensive, contrary to U.S. press reports, was "a great loss" for the Communist side. "Our Southern forces were decimated. (Afterward) our orders were to launch all of our attacks from Cambodia, to which we could retreat and remain safely. Also, we knew there was a large anti-war movement in America which would not allow the American army to cross over the border . . ."

Truong Nhu Tang, a founder and ranking officer of the Communists' National Liberation Front (NLF) before he fled by boat in disillusionment in 1979, credited psychological warfare as being "the principal decisive arm of the 'Popular War.'" Interviewed in Paris, he said a separate psychological-war branch of the NLF "was responsible for working with groups in the West opposed to the war and (with) the Western media to weaken the resolve of the American government . . . Our aim was to present ourselves as a large rep-

NO MORE VIETNAMS—*"Never again must the U.S. government ask young men to go out and fight and die for a cause that we are unwilling to win."*

resentation of the South's population. And the American media were easily open to suggestions and false information given by Communist agents."

One of South Vietnam's most respected military leaders, Gen. Lu Mong Lan, former commandant of the National Defense College in Saigon, agreed that the enemy won the psychological war. The average American, he said, "had no idea of what was really going on in Vietnam. It was not solely a military war. As (waged) by North Vietnam, it was a 'total war': political, economic, cultural, propaganda, intrigue—everything..."

The lessons of Vietnam are many and controversial and likely will remain so. There also are more than enough of the "culpable" to go around: Congress for breaking agreements to resupply South Vietnam with the arms needed for self defense; the White House for failing to mobilize popular support for the war effort; the Pentagon for pursuing a war of attrition against a foe unmindful of "body counts"; the media for playing up

the negative and downplaying the positive; and the home front for insisting on butter rather than guns. High level corruption among our allies, while greatly exaggerated by the media, also must share the blame.

Would South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos have survived had we honored our pledge to provide the arms they needed, for self defense? No one can know for certain. But by mid-1973, when the last U.S. combat troops departed, there were encouraging signs of stability. Land reform was under way, crops were flourishing, more and more villages were secure, self-reliance was rising. But the American Congress, under relentless pressure from antiwar activists, pulled the plug.

AS THE saying goes, what's done is done. But as history reminds us, the past is prologue. President Reagan told a meeting of editors and broadcasters recently: "If I had to come up with one thing I learned, I would have to say that never again must the government of the United States ask young men to go out and fight and die for a cause that we are unwilling to win. That was the great tragedy. That was the great disgrace, to me, of Vietnam; that they were fed into the meat grinder, and yet, no one had any intention of allowing victory."

Richard Nixon, our wartime commander in chief, has put it this way: "In Vietnam, we tried and failed in a just cause. 'No More Vietnams' can mean that we will not *try* again. It *should* mean that we will not *fail* again."

The final word belongs to victims of the tragedy who continue to struggle and to die. In the words of our last ambassador to Saigon, Graham Martin: "They stopped the fighting, and the killing went on and on and on and on, and five million people have died since the surrender."

Yet, amid the carnage, there is hope. Ken Moorfield, a West Pointer who served two combat tours in Vietnam and was there at the end as an embassy adviser, returned to Southeast Asia in 1983 to report on the refugee situation. "Seeing thousands of Cambodians, Laotians and Vietnamese still pouring out of these countries brought me back in touch again," said Moorefield. "I'd come full circle. I became aware that the struggle for the values that we fought for in Vietnam still continues in Indochina today, as it does in other parts of the world. And as long as people are living without freedom and basic human liberties, that struggle will never, never be over." □



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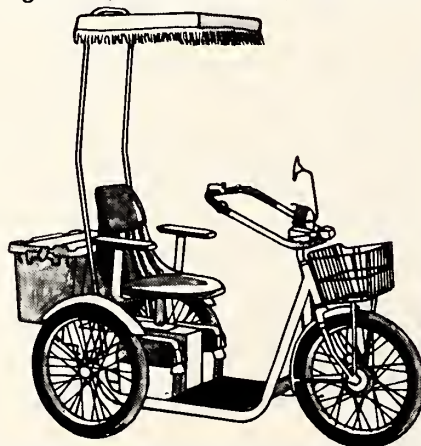
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A Life Lost With the Cause

By Kevin Klose

HE is a small, wiry man, met by chance on a sidewalk in a Midwestern city.

Asked about his accent, he mentioned an obscure place, as improbably far from the heartland of America as any on Earth.

"All the same, we exist," he said. His reserved pride suggested that he might have been a visiting scholar.

But then he squinted at the watery sun, as though seeing it suspended at that instant over his homeland.

It was a look of such speculative longing that the question had to be asked: "Why are you here?"

"I have political asylum," he replied.

There are thousands like him in the United States, so many that they are an abiding cliché of the revolutions, counter-revolutions, coups, uprisings and wars against colonialism that have swept much of the Third World since World War II.

Sometimes ferocious, sometimes kind, they may be left, right or center, or simply people who had the misfortune to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Whatever their politics and practices, they mostly share a common fate: Their side lost.

In many of the distant places these men and women call home, to lose is to face imprisonment or death.

Check behind the wheel of the next taxi you take. The driver may be Afghan, Iraqi, Iranian, Ethiopian, Filipino, South Korean, Chinese, Cuban, Cambodian, Vietnamese.

The foreigners American cities are sheltering seem like a more humble and less romantic version of the clientele at Rick's Cafe Americain in the movie, "Casablanca."

Once-important ministers of justice now wait on tables; physicians who ran a capital's only hospital, mop floors; linguistics professors wash dishes.

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But look again at these lucky ones who have escaped to live another day.

There seldom is such a thing as a clean escape. Someone is always left behind: son, wife, brother, parents. Hostages all.

So it is with this man.

To talk with him, over a shared meal, is to hear a story that is at once a stereotype of our jaded age of easy violence and something much more, a saga of barbarity, fear, endurance and luck.

His nation is primitive by the standards of the northern European industrial age that has flooded the world with high-powered assault rifles and

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other implements of instant political change.

But anyone who knows the place even a little knows its abiding traditions to be loyalty, courage and vengeance.

Trouble erupted some years ago when his nation's traditional regime suddenly crumbled. As is so often the case, the cutthroat old order was pro-American, the cutthroat new order pro-Soviet. For anyone with ties to the Americans, it was time to lie low.

But the chaos descended so swiftly that this man had no time to hide, much less escape.

He was arrested immediately and thrown into prison for months while interrogators sought to force him to confess to espionage and other crimes against the newly "liberated" people.

"Were you beaten?" he is asked.

"Of course," he said.

His legs and collarbones were broken, fingernails pulled out, front teeth smashed. He refused to confess. He

was hospitalized to restore his strength so he could be tortured again.

While he was recuperating, a force of insurgents fought their way into the hospital and rescued him and dozens of other maimed victims of the new order.

Nursed back to health, the man was spirited out of his country to safety. But the revolution exacted retribution: His oldest child was executed.

"No . . . no . . . I can't talk about it. I can't," said the father, his face disintegrating into tears and anguish. "I won't speak to you about it."

He joined the opposition in exile and waited. Despite their barbarity, the forces of revolution seemed weak, destined to fail.

But it was not to be. Aided by Moscow, the new regime strengthened its hold on the nation's few cities. A pro-Western insurgency developed in the countryside.

The initial wave of slaughter has continued ever since. "They are killing anyone who was a student."

Thousands have died, the country's economy is wrecked, and its institutions are in shambles. Each Great Power has a piece of the action and the blame.

The emigre turned his efforts to extricating his family from the country. Bribery played a role: Even national liberators who kill for their beliefs know that ideals need not get in the way of cash.

One by one, his immediate family escaped and joined him in safety. They made their way here. But one remains behind.

"I would like to tell you who it is . . . but I fear reprisal. My relative would be killed if the name is mentioned. Indeed, you must not say what country I am from, or even what relative is left there," he said, adding: "It shames me as a man to think I dare not even mention the name."

He has a job here and works hard at it. But his heart is elsewhere.

"I survive," he said. "But when I think of all the killing, the endless killing, I have times of sharp depression. It seems inhuman that my country should have this fate." □

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Anti-espionage amendments have been added to the FY 1986 defense authorization bill adopted by the House last June, which should mean that laws against espionage are going to be toughened. The action came in response to recent revelations of illegal espionage activities by several former and current U.S. military personnel. In essence, the House amendments would allow military courts to impose the death penalty on those convicted of espionage in peacetime. The current maximum penalty for peacetime espionage is 10 years in prison.

The amendments represent a dramatic departure from House action in the recent past. Just last year the House refused to take up a Senate-passed bill allowing the death penalty in espionage cases.

In a related development, the House also amended the FY 1986 defense authorization with a provision to allow the Defense Department to administer polygraph tests to the more than 4 million military and civilian employees with access to classified information. While this provision will not be a fool-proof method of protecting the nation's defense secrets, if enacted, it should serve as a potent deterrent to espionage conducted by American citizens.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve program has been reauthorized for an additional four years as a result of a law enacted by the President on July 2, 1985. Earlier this year the reserve was thought to be in danger as the administration and lawmakers of both political parties sought options for reducing the federal deficit. At that time a moratorium on continued filling of the reserve was expected.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve was initially established in response to the 1973-1974 Arab oil embargo. Intended as a cushion against future fuel disruptions, the reserve has been developed by filling natural and man-made storage facilities with crude oil. Currently, there are about 450 million barrels of crude being stored that could provide the nation with emergency fuel for about five months.

Apart from reauthorizing and continuing to fill the reserve program, the legislation also requires the Department of Energy to test bidding and sales procedures to assure adequate distribution to retailers and consumers in an emergency. Under the new law the reserve can be filled at a rate of up to 300,000 barrels a day.

The future of the MX missile seems in doubt as a result of House and Senate efforts to iron out differences in their versions of a defense authorization for next year. The President, who has long sought production and deployment of 100 MX "Peacekeeper" missiles may wind up with 50, because House and Senate conferees on the defense authorization agreed to limit the number of MXs deployed in existing silos to 50. The defense authorization negotiators left the door open to future deployment of more

than 50 MX missiles, however, by providing that production could go forward if a new, less vulnerable basing mode were developed.

Apart from MX, the conferees also agreed to accelerate spending on a new single warhead "Midgetman" missile. The missile, once produced and deployed, would be mobile, making it less vulnerable to a Soviet first strike. As currently planned, the Midgetman would be towed between and around military bases.

The Small Business Administration last February was threatened with extinction when the original budget for fiscal year 1986 was released by the Administration. Although the SBA budget can be expected to be significantly pruned next year, it will not be eliminated. On July 16, 1985, the Senate voted to reauthorize the agency and most of its programs for an additional three years. Since the greatest challenge to the agency's existence could have come from the Senate, that chamber's action to retain SBA assures its survival.

The retention of SBA is of keen interest to the Legion because so many gains for veterans in small business have been made in recent years. In FY 1984 alone, 26.5 percent of all SBA loan dollars went to veterans. In addition, many thousands of veterans have received instruction and counseling in business operations from SBA.

The Senate-passed bill would reduce funding for SBA by \$2.5 billion over the next three fiscal years. For veterans, \$20 million for FY '86, '87 and '88 would be allocated specifically for direct loans to Vietnam-era and disabled veterans. Although the direct loan funds available to veterans have been reduced, their reduction is modest when compared with cuts in other SBA programs. The Senate-passed measure, S. 408, also encourages SBA to foster Veterans Business Resource Councils. These bodies would act to develop networks of veterans with business experience who can assist other veterans seeking to establish small businesses.

The actual funding made available to SBA probably will be greater than that authorized in the Senate bill. This is because the House is almost certain to pass a more generous SBA reauthorization.

The American Legion supports the Veterans Administration's decision to place PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) coordinators at its regional offices.

The Legion has been advocating for a program of education and sensitization of VA employees on the issue of PTSD. "We feel this is a step in the right direction," Clarence M. Bacon, National Commander, said.

The PTSD coordinators, with grade levels of not lower than GS-12, are thoroughly familiar with the guidelines pertaining to PTSD and serve as contact points for questions on PTSD cases and issues. □

THE CASE FOR COMMISSARIES

As a budget-cutting measure, the Grace Commission has recommended closing military commissaries. But how do you save money by eliminating a cost-effective system?

By Jack Cushman

BEHIND the debate over military commissaries — a debate that got an extra push when a presidential commission said that nearly a billion dollars could be saved by closing them — lies a central truth: Commissary privileges keep people in our armed forces.

With trends leading inexorably to a military manpower crisis, that feature will probably keep the commissary system alive and functioning much as it does today.

The role of commissaries in keeping people in uniform was once a secondary factor, back in the days when many military bases were remote and poorly served by businesses. Today the notion that military bases need commissaries because the nearest grocery stores are far away makes little sense. In fact, much the opposite is true: Military families and retired families drive a long way to shop at commissaries.

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K. MOORE, U.S. ARMY

STRETCHING THE DOLLAR—Military families can save up to 35 percent of their monthly food bill by shopping in commissaries instead of supermarkets and grocery stores. Commissaries will save patrons an estimated \$1.2 billion this year.

But in February 1985, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) reported to Congress that a new reason exists to keep commissaries. No longer is potential price gouging by private supermarkets, or distance, or the selection of food the main criterion. Rather, said the GAO, "Over the years the availability of commissaries has come to be viewed by military personnel as an important non-cash element of compensation." The question that needs to be considered before the stores are closed is whether they are a "cost-effective incentive to improve recruiting, retention and motivation."

The GAO report was written in response to recommendations by a panel, headed by businessman Peter Grace, that closing commissaries in the United States could save \$972.7 million over three years. The Grace Commission made many other controversial recommendations in its search to balance the budget. But in each case the question needs to be asked: Are the savings that are available on the surface worth the cost that would bubble up later?

Before examining these issues, let's look at how much money is actually

spent by the government for commissaries. The amount approved for appropriation in fiscal year 1985 is \$618 million, down \$27 million from the previous year's spending of \$646 million.

There are more than 2.1 million active duty service personnel, though, so the grand total spent comes to just \$292.80 per potential commissary patron from the uniformed services—the ones who we would like to stay in service. It prob-

THE LEGION POSITION

Resolved, by The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 3, 4, 5, 1984, that we strongly support retention of the military commissary system and urge the Administration and Congress to provide necessary authorization and funding to allow the system to be preserved as an institutional support for our active duty military, military retirees, 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans, and widows authorized commissary privileges.

ably costs more than that to process discharge papers.

Add in the retirees and the families of active duty personnel and the total number of commissary patrons climbs to 9 million, and the cost per person drops to well under \$100 a head.

All those figures are relatively meaningless when compared to the two factors that mean the most to a military person considering re-enlistment: cost savings and commitment by the armed services to support their own.

"In the first years of our (service) commitment, we would not have been able to make ends meet without the use of commissaries," said Karen Jacob, a military wife from Virginia Beach, Va. "When the time came for a career decision, the commissary was one of the major factors that helped us choose the military as a career."

Sandra Newton at Langley AFB, Va., spoke of her commissary almost as if it was a church or social club. "Feelings cannot express how it helps the wife to have roots...to go to a particular place and feel you're not alone."

In a 1983 survey conducted by Counsel House Research Corp. for the American Logistics Association, the same themes recurred—and the importance of the commissary was shown to be on the increase.

When they first enlisted, 42 percent of all military personnel indicated that the commissary was one of the two top benefits. As they stay in the military, that sentiment grows to 58 percent. Married people consider the food stores even more important, with 65 percent ranking it at the top.

"One of the important pieces of information sought was how effective are commissaries as an employee benefit when it comes to re-enlistment," said the GAO report. "The results show that it is effective. Of the total, 58 percent indicated that the absence of commissaries would negatively influence their re-enlistment decision. Officers indicated its importance in 63 percent of the responses. Its effect was indicated in 60 percent of the replies from married respondents. The old adage that an army marches on its stomach has a curious corollary in today's military, where they re-enlist on the basis of a food shopping bill.

This importance to married service members has not escaped the attention of the nation's top civilian leaders, who — like the members of the key House and Senate Armed Services Committees — have never doubted the importance of the commissaries. Said Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, "Commissaries are a particularly effective institutional benefit, since

they are targeted at the spouse who generally exercises the privilege on behalf of the member. There is a direct correlation between the member's domestic environment, morale, and retention" of people in the military.

When you consider that about a quarter of all enlisted men are married, and well over a third of all officers — and that the numbers rise the longer the span of service — this "targeting" effect is particularly important. Considering the cost of training a Navy pilot (millions of dollars), the hardship imposed on his wife (his long

ings exceeded 10 percent; 16 percent said the savings exceeded 25 percent. If anything these savings figures may be estimated on the low side.

How do the commissaries manage this feat? They buy like an immense supermarket chain, but price their goods in a much different fashion. There is no markup on the products sold; instead, there is a 5 percent surcharge at the cash register.

There's another difference between a commissary and a supermarket. The supermarket runs on a very thin profit margin, and typically keeps its profits

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service at sea), and the temptations to look for other higher paying employers (like airlines), commissary costs look cheap, indeed. The retention bonus for a Navy pilot can run to \$36,000. Isn't cheap food a sensible inducement to stay in the service?

How cheap is food and other commodities bought at commissaries? Pentagon officials say the savings run from 20 percent to 35 percent in large metropolitan areas, where civilian food stores tend to charge higher prices. One Pentagon officer estimated that the \$618 million spent to operate commissaries this year will produce \$1.2 billion in savings to patrons. The government is getting twice as much from the commissary system as it would take to pay the difference to military folks to shop elsewhere. Meanwhile, the commissaries provide employment for thousands of people, all of whom pay taxes to the government.

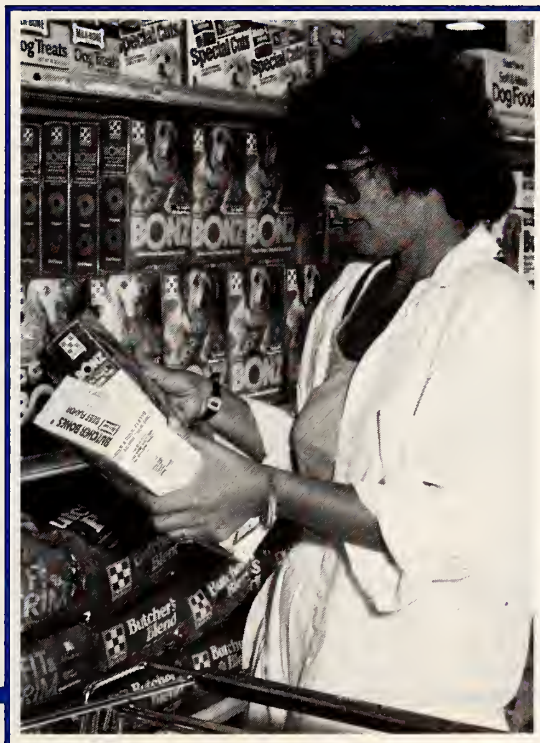
The poll by the American Logistics Association, which lobbies on behalf of continued support for commissaries and against congressionally inspired experiments to try "contracting out" such services to private stores in certain areas, found that patrons are well aware of how much they save.

Sixty-four percent of those polled said their sav-

ings exceeded the break-even point by selling housewares and health and beauty aids. But the commissaries are limited in the items they can sell; for many things shoppers could find in a typical, civilian supermarket, they must go to the post exchange on a military base.

It all comes down to the same lesson: Commissaries are a carefully balanced program that would be costly to replace. They work to the benefit of those in service. They cost the government little to run and they provide a benefit that keeps people in uniform. □

WHICH IS LESS?—A budget-minded shopper looks for the best bargain in a commissary. Military families rank commissaries as their number one benefit.



S. HAYDEN, U.S. ARMY

A WISE INVESTMENT

By Rep. Dan Daniel

THE commissary and exchange systems are highly visible signs of our country's support for U.S. servicemen and women, their mission and families. A few years ago only a handful of congressional leaders understood how important military people consider commissaries and exchanges. Recently, that number began growing as Congress realized that the commissary and exchange systems are economical, cost-effective benefits that help to attract and retain people in the armed forces.

Surprisingly, this understanding of the usefulness of these non-pay benefits stems, in large measure, from the attempts to close commissaries. As attacks on the commissary system increased, an educational process started that continues today. To refute the attacks, commissary supporters began explaining how these benefits evolved and why they are even more important today. This educational process has paid large dividends.

The most recent attack on commissaries was the Grace Commission's recommendation to close them in the continental United States. The Readiness Subcommittee held hearings in 1984 to review the Grace Commission's proposals and discovered several significant points:

- Today's military personnel perceive commissaries to be a form of non-pay compensation and a promised condition of joining and remaining in the armed forces.

- The Congressional Budget Office reported that loss of commissary benefits could reduce retention rates and lead to increased training and recruiting costs. To preclude personnel losses it would be necessary to increase

other forms of service compensation.

- The Department of Defense estimated it would be twice as costly to compensate military people for loss of buying power if commissaries were closed than it would be to continue funding commissary operations.

"Today's military personnel perceive commissaries to be a form of non-pay compensation."

- Commissaries in metropolitan areas are more important to military people than those located in remote areas because of higher living costs.

The overriding importance of these hearings, however, was that they provided a legislative record of congressional support for the commissary system. This support could have been inferred before the hearings because Congress annually approved funding for the system. After the hearings the congressional intent was unmistakably

clear—commissaries have the support of the committee.

The General Accounting Office recognized this support in a report issued in February. This is a dramatic turnaround because the GAO had previously issued several reports criticizing the commissary system and questioning its mission.

During the hearings, the committee directed DoD to have a private-sector firm conduct an independent survey comparing commercial and commissary prices. The study was conducted at 50 locations in the United States during November and December 1984. The recently published results showed savings of 23 percent to 25 percent over comparable civilian stores by shopping at commissaries. The survey also compared commissary prices to "no frills" warehouse stores and found savings of 15 percent to 16 percent for commissary shoppers. This independent assessment proves conclusively the significant contribution commissaries make to military compensation.

These benefits become even more important as the size and shape of our military forces change. The military forces are becoming more family oriented; currently more than half of all military personnel are married and the percentage is growing rapidly. Since commissary and exchange benefits are directly targeted at the military family, they will have a positive effect on retention rates.

The effects on military compensation and retention rates, compared against the cost of the systems, makes commissary and exchange benefits very cost effective. I think congressional leaders have come to realize this fact and will continue to support these benefits. □

A STRONG ALLY—Congressman Daniel listens to testimony during hearings on Capitol Hill. Past National Commander Daniel is chairman of the Readiness Committee, which is a staunch supporter of military commissaries.



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Excise Taxes Overlooked in Tax Reform Proposals

By Dr. Ryan C. Amacher

IT SEEMS we can't pick up the newspaper or turn on the television these days without seeing a story about tax reform and the need for tax fairness. President Reagan called for simplification and reform of the federal tax system in his 1984 State of the Union Address, and the administration since has given the subject high priority.

Reform has been high on the congressional agenda this year, too. There is pressure to trim the federal deficit, but voters will not tolerate higher taxes, and budget cuts meet increasingly stiff resistance from special interest groups.

Tax reform is seen as a way out of the dilemma: simplification can increase revenue collections while simultaneously reducing the ever-growing burden on taxpayers.

At this point, the debate over tax reform has dealt almost exclusively with the issues of personal and corporate income taxes. This is not surprising. These taxes account for the greatest majority of revenues raised by the government. They also have high visibility relative to other levies. But other taxes in the federal tax system—excise, death and gift taxes—do not lack economic impact even though they are less visible and receive less attention.

The point: The entire federal tax structure should be fair. But excise taxes are not mentioned at all in the President's proposal for simplification and reform, nor has any discussion of these levies appeared in the tax-reform packages introduced by Rep. Jack Kemp or Sen. Bill Bradley. Such schemes to simplify the income tax will not provide adequate relief for the American taxpayer. Reform proposals that focus on one part of the system while ignoring

others may be inconsistent, ineffective, or even counterproductive. Revamping the *entire* tax structure, including federal excise taxes, is necessary to ensure a fair tax system.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent each year in professional services and taxpayers' time in efforts to figure out and minimize tax liabilities presented by our complicated federal tax code. Armies of lobbyists are employed by industries to get special corporate loopholes from Congress. Equity is obviously not served by a tax structure

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that favors some individuals and businesses in a clearly arbitrary fashion, while penalizing others that do not have the power or resources to escape taxation.

Our complex system of deductions and exemptions allows two families with the same income to pay different amounts in taxes. Also, low-income people often pay more than some high-income persons who can avail themselves of tax preferences. The tax system is no longer based on the ability to pay, but on the ability to take advantage of such loopholes.

These are the inequities and inefficiencies in the federal income tax system that are currently being debated by advocates of reform. But something is missing from the discussion: the so-called indirect or excise taxes that account for a major unfairness in the American tax code.

Under current law, excise taxes are

imposed on the sale of alcoholic beverages, cigarettes, gasoline, trucks, buses, tires, tread rubber, telephone service, fishing equipment, gaming services, sugar, lubricating oils, truck parts and accessories, among other goods. This hodgepodge of taxes represents the assorted remains of a system imposed at the birth of our nation.

Federal excise taxes, in my judgment, cannot be justified under any definition of equity. Households with low incomes generally pay a far greater percentage of their income in these taxes than households with higher incomes. A study completed by the Brookings Institution estimates that the effective rate of excise taxation for a household in the lowest income percentile (0 percent to 5 percent) is 3.5 percent, while a household in the highest percentile (99 percent to 100 percent) pays only 0.3 percent of its income in federal excise taxes. This makes these levies *brutally* regressive.

In addition, even within the same income class, excise taxes are unfair. The fact that only certain kinds of consumer goods carry excises implies that consumers are discouraged from spending their income in the way they most prefer. This means that people with the same income, or ability to pay, end up paying different amounts in tax if they differ in their tastes for consumer goods.

Thus, excise taxes can be even more regressive with respect to particular households than they appear at first glance. If regressive taxes are unfair, then a tax that is both regressive and discriminatory is doubly unfair.

It would be a shame if attempts to improve the income tax structure were simultaneously accompanied by an unnoticed worsening of the excise tax system. Considerations of equity dictate that we re-evaluate our entire tax system, including excises. By moving away from special tax privileges and penalties toward more general, broad-based taxes, all Americans will be treated more fairly. □

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Military Retirement: The System Is Working

By James J. Kilpatrick

WHAT should be done about the high cost of military retirement? David Stockman, former budget director, called the present system a "scandal" and an "outrage." A civilian expert, John Bickerman, has termed it "a misguided, extravagant scheme for enriching our retired military men and women." Half a dozen studies have called for reform.

Stockman is wrong and Bickerman is wrong, but some of the several studies make sensible suggestions. At roughly \$18 billion a year, the cost of military retirement plainly is high, but when it is criticized as "too high," we have to ask: compared to what?

A word of background: The first general military retirement law was enacted in 1861 in an effort to speed the resignation of aged Union generals who were doddering about on canes. It was not until after World War II that Congress began to provide the basis for today's military retirement system. The object is to provide a youthful combat force, led by senior noncoms and highly motivated officers, and this is the fact: The system is working. It is doing exactly what it is supposed to do.

An understanding of the controversy requires that certain myths be disposed of. One is the myth that the system permits retirement after 20 years at "half pay." Not so. The system permits retirement at half of base pay, which is a very different matter. Military pay consists of base pay, special pay and allowances. In the Navy, for example, special pay is provided for hazardous duty, hostile fire, imminent danger, foreign duty, diving, flight time and special proficiency. All these "pays" are taxable income. Allowances for quarters, subsistence and travel are not taxable.

In terms of base pay, the typical serviceman earns less than the typical civilian postal clerk (and much less than the

typical urban police officer or firefighter), but when account is given to the various allowances and special pays, the picture is not too bad. Yet retirement is calculated upon base pay only. A chief petty officer in the Navy, at E-7 pay grade, could retire this year after 20 years of service at \$9,312 a year. This is poverty level.

But Bickerman says many service retirees, usually in their early 40s, "can take a job in private industry, work for as much as 25 years, and receive a pension from that employment plus Social Security." This is too glib. Some highly skilled technicians fall swiftly into civilian jobs, but other men in their mid-40s discover that military skills are not so easily transferred.

Another myth is that virtually all members of the armed services hold on for 20 years and retire a day later. Not so. Only 13 percent of officers and enlisted personnel serve long enough to qualify for retirement benefits. If the present plan were in fact an "extravagant scheme for enriching" service personnel, we would have 5 million or 10 billion on the retirement roll instead of 1.4 million.

Properly seen, retirement benefits are deferred compensation for officers and enlisted personnel who have made a career in arms. There is no way that such careers can be compared with the stable, 40-hour workweeks of typical civilian families. Especially in the Navy, but to a degree in other services also, families must endure the hardships of prolonged separation. After 20 years of privation, danger and sacrifice, is a taxable retirement income of \$9,312 a year too much? Compared to what?

In recent years Congress has nibbled at the edges of the military retirement system, rounding down years of service to a lower month, and rounding down retirement checks to a lower dollar. Fifteen years hence, retirement benefits for post-1980 enlistees will be based upon an average of the three highest years of pay rather than upon final base pay. Several studies have proposed that the 20-year minimum period of service be raised for future enlistees to perhaps 25 years. Another idea is to provide more attractive bonuses for the reenlistment of key officers and noncoms to hold them at the peak of their skills.

What is most irksome to service families is the statement that a soldier, sailor, airman or Marine has "more generous" retirement benefits than a civilian draftsman, druggist, TV technician or sales manager. The short and simple answer to that charge is, "My God, I hope so."

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When a child disappears, parents should immediately call local police and then follow up in person. Parents also should request that a missing person's report be filed with the FBI's National Crime Information Center, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20535, which provides information on missing children.

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- Record your child's blood type at birth.
- Photograph teen-agers twice a year, preschoolers more often.
- Get your child fingerprinted.
- Establish a family code word. Teach your child never to go with someone unless the person knows the code word.
- Teach your child to never accept invitations from strangers.
- Teach your child the full family name, address and phone number.
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New GI Bill Offers Up to 36 Months Of School Benefits

A NEW version of the GI Bill—the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act of 1984—went into effect July 1, providing education benefits for military members who enter the service from July 1985 through June 1988.

Participation is automatic unless a recruit declines in writing. Under the program, base pay is reduced by \$100 a month for just the first 12 months of service. For a person who serves a two-year enlistment, the government will pay \$250 per month for up to 36 months of schooling after active duty. For a three-year enlistment, benefits will be \$300 per month for 36 months.

Members who have no break in active duty since Dec. 31, 1976, and serve on active duty for at least three years after June 30, 1985, are eligible for the new program with no reduction in pay.



VETERANS ADVISER

Have a question concerning your veteran's benefits? The American Legion Magazine will try to answer it in this column. Write to The American Legion Magazine, Veterans' Adviser Editor, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Q. What is the time limit for filing an application for compensation based on a service-connected disability?

A. There is no time limit.

Q. How does a veteran initiate a claim for VA compensation of pension benefits?

A. Contact the nearest VA office, a service officer of The American Legion or other veterans' service organizations, or a state or county veterans' office to obtain the forms to initiate the claim.

Q. How may I obtain copies of my service records that are not a part of my VA file?

A. Service records are generally kept at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, 9700 Page Blvd., 63132. You may contact the nearest VA Regional Office for the proper form and information on how to obtain these records.

Q. I renounced my compensation and it was terminated 10 years ago. Can I make a new application for this same disability?

A. Yes. A renouncement does not preclude a person from filing a new application. However, no payment may be made for any period before the date the application is received by the VA.

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Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va.

A 30-year Record of Caring

CONCERN for a paralyzed policeman launched Colonial Heights (Va.) Post 284 on a course of community involvement that now, seven years later, includes annual donations of more than \$30,000 to assist families and charities.

Dept. Cmdr. James Johnson of Virginia said the Colonial Heights post is a good example of a working post that does a lot for the community. He said that for 30 years the post has had a reputation as an organization that cares about its community and works hard to get things done.

"Any time I hear of something going on in Colonial Heights, I know Post 284 is doing it," he said.

With funds raised from bingo, renting the Legion hall, public picnics, dances and barbecues, the post in 1984 made 79 contributions totaling \$36,000.

Many of the contributions were to families that needed help with medical bills for sick children.

The post's 850 members are from the tri-city areas of Hopewell, Colonial Heights and Petersburg, Va. Half are retired military, many of whom served at nearby Fort Lee. Daniel R. Boyd, post commander, said the post has maintained 100 percent level of membership for years.

Kenneth M. Atkins, last year's post commander, said the post's involvement in charitable work really began about seven years ago after a police officer was paralyzed by injuries from an auto accident.

The officer needed a specially equipped van; Post 284 pitched in to help. It sponsored a community-wide barbecue that raised more than \$10,000 toward the purchase of the van.

Then the post heard about a child who had cancer. A similar fund-raising activity brought in \$8,000 to help with medical expenses, and, said Atkins, the child has recovered and is back riding his bicycle and playing football.

Those fund-raisers put the post in the limelight. Community residents began asking Legionnaires about their post



MEMORIAL SERVICES — Post Cmdr. Kenneth M. Atkins (1984-85) and Past Cmdr. David M. Harris, right, take part in services conducted by Post 284 at the local Veterans Memorial Monument.

and its projects. The post established a reputation for its willingness to lend a helping hand.

"Now," said Atkins, "if people hear of a problem, they call The American Legion. So far, I can't think of anyone we've turned away without helping in some way."

The post maintains a list of charitable activities its members are supporting. On bingo night, Atkins said the caller announces what project or charity will get the evening's proceeds.

The post's work isn't all cash donations. Atkins said there are some 16 Legionnaires who regularly go to the VA hospital to visit patients, give them rides to church services or just take them for a drive.

The post's community work record in athletic programs was saluted by Director of Recreation and Parks for the City of Colonial Heights, Charlie Pond.

"The post has always helped whenever I've needed help to build facilities. It has helped to a great degree, and more than any other organization."

In addition to providing funds to up-

grade the town's sports facilities, Atkins said the post sponsors two recreational football teams, one American Legion baseball team and three other ball teams for children, teens and adults. It even bought a bus to transport the teams to games.

During the past year, the post gave \$4,000 to the community for a soccer field, and \$5,000 to help build a children's theater of performing arts. It also presented six scholarships totaling \$5,000, helped with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and sponsored 14 delegates to Boys State.

Other post donations have helped people stranded far from home, senior citizen organizations, medical research projects, and refurnish the children's waiting room at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

After McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond was built, the post bought 12 television sets for patients' rooms.

Regular contributions also are made to local volunteer emergency fire and medical teams and to the local police organizations for new equipment or unfunded projects.

One of Atkins' favorite experiences last year was the Christmas shopping project. Eight children, recommended by their schools, were taken shopping to buy presents for their families and themselves, then visited the post hall to wrap the gifts and share refreshments.

Post 284 also takes a major role in the community's patriotic observances. The post and VFW co-sponsor ceremonies at the Colonial Heights War Memorial on patriotic holidays. The post was a major contributor to the fund to restore the carillon at the World War I Memorial in Richmond.

With their steady pace of projects, Atkins said, the post has a policy to change commanders every year "because one year is about all anyone can handle." Post Cmdr. Boyd summarized the post's sense of purpose: "We're just helping whatever way we can. It just seems like we're doing what we should, helping out the community." □

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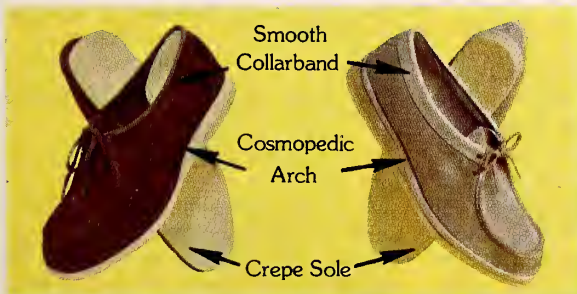
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These and other feelings written in a letter home to his mother gained Legionnaire Daniel M. Joy national recognition from the Valley Forge Chapter of Freedoms Foundation. An active-duty Marine sergeant and member of American Legion China Post 1, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Joy wrote the letter while serving with the Multinational Peacekeeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. He penned his thoughts after 241 Marines were killed by a suicide bomber as they lay sleeping in their Beirut barracks. A Springfield, Pa., native, Joy also was cited by the U.S. Consulate General in Saudi Arabia for his strong Legion activities in the local community.

The annual battle to lead the parade at the National Convention and to make the first selection of delegate seating this year went to the Department of Nevada. Dept. Cmdr. Larry Little and his Legionnaires earned the honors because of their high membership record. With 4,185 members, the department achieved the highest percentage (119.85) of its previous four-year average, which also earned them the O.L. Bodenhamer Trophy.

When some people "march to the beat of a different drum," they're either a bit odd or a bit extraordinary. For 16 Legionnaires at Dedham Post 18,

Dedham, Mass., the extraordinary beat to which they march draws crowds, citations and awards. The Legionnaires belong to an honor guard that will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year.

Over the past 39 years, the guard has won 25 first-place awards; 14 honor guard awards; 7 color guard awards; and 4 drill team awards. During its four-decade run, the guard has seen 127 post members serve within its ranks, including nine past commanders.

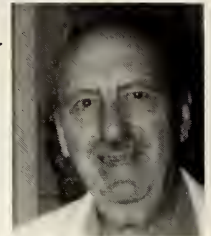
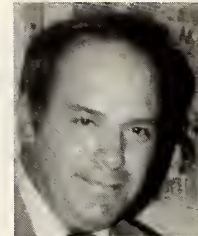
The Pennsylvania Meritorious Service Medal—the state's highest medal awarded to a civilian—was presented to Edward T. Hoak, Penn-



sylvania department adjutant, for "his substantial contribution and life-long dedication to the welfare of veterans." Gov. Dick Thornburgh made the presentation and noted that Hoak was being especially honored for his exceptionally meritorious service during his tenure as the chairman of the Governor's Southeastern Pennsylvania Veterans Home Site-Selection Committee.

When Clarence Ellman's wife of 23 years passed away, he sought to keep her memory alive through a patriotic salute befitting the near quarter-century they spent together as man and wife. Two of the four clubhouses within the 1,500-lot Sierra Dawn Mobile Home Park, Hemet, Calif., provided the outlet. A 14-year resident of the park, Ellman knew the clubhouses lacked flag poles, so he bought and donated them to the park. The 33-year Legionnaire dedicated one of the poles in his wife's memory.

Following in dad's footsteps is a time-honored American tradition that Peter C. Trudeau firmly believes in. He's commander of Post 170,



Evanston, Ill., the same post his dad commanded nearly 30 years earlier. The elder Trudeau, Clark Jr., returned home from Army service in the China-Burma-India Theater, joined Post 170 and worked his way to commander by 1956. The younger Trudeau served with the Marines in Vietnam, where he earned a Purple Heart Medal. Separated from service in 1966, he joined the post the same year.

Arching high in the sky toward the darkness of outer space, the shuttle *Discovery* launched in January carried a cargo of special interest to



Hawaii's Legionnaires: their first astronaut.

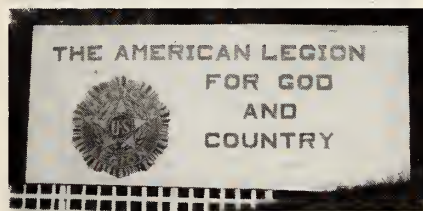
Air Force Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka, born and raised in the Kona District of the Big Island of Hawaii, is Hawaii's first official space traveler. When Onizuka returned to Hawaii, members of Kona Post 20 presented him with a paid-up-for-life membership. Since his return, he's spoken at dozens of schools and to numerous youth organizations, encouraging youngsters to seek their personal best throughout their lives.

Seeking ways to help elderly and retired veterans stay active in post programs, William J. Spotten, a life member of Hamilton Post 20 in Maryland, organized weekly get-togethers for the elderly Legionnaires. Meetings began in 1980 with a small group, but have grown to 76 participants. Parties and Sunday breakfasts are regular

events, along with pool, shuffleboard, cards, conversation and a general atmosphere of activity. The meetings have converted former "card-carriers only" to active members with renewed interest and pride in themselves and in their post. They even sell hot dogs and hamburgers during special outings to help fund the Special Olympics.

Washington State Legionnaires participated in their 17th Annual Special Olympics Spring Games, an event that drew 2,000 athletes from throughout the state. Washington's first meet drew 200 competitors and sent 14 to the National Games in Chicago. State games precede the International Special Olympics, created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., Foundation in 1968. More than 1 million mentally handicapped citizens are Special Olympians.

How do you describe pride? Legionnaires from Eagle Memorial Post 1720, Bliss, N.Y., describe it as being 30-feet long and 15-feet high. For the



past 20 years, the 57-member post has maintained a billboard that size within eyesight of heavily traveled New York State Highway 39. Each year the members upgrade the landscape and clean, scrape, paint and beautify their special American Legion billboard, on their own time and at their own expense.

Leadership in action is best exemplified by Jorge Ramirez, 2nd vice commander, Post 101, Pharr, Texas. Post Commander Patsy Palmquist said Ramirez converted a struggling post into an All-Time-High and Hall of Fame post that is involved in every possible community project. Through his efforts, post members sponsored the largest Veterans Day parade ever held in Hidalgo County, which drew coverage from Good Morning, America. Ramirez also organized the past post commanders club,

pushed completion of an elaborate office within the post and signed up more than 50 members. In addition, he was elected chaplain for the 15th District.

"It's a post that runs on air. It has no money, no building, not even many members, but its influence far exceeds its assets," said Dorris Tanner, commander of Post 69, Martin, Tenn.



Located at the University of Tennessee in Martin, the post is comprised of a small, but unusual, handful of Legionnaires—they are all faculty members whose mission is to furnish intellectual stimulation both to members and to the community.

Along with regular Legion projects such as oratorical and Boys State programs, the post sponsors special speakers at monthly meetings to talk about current national and international events. It also hosts special dinners to commemorate national patriotic periods. Tanner said the post's most successful undertaking is the Prayer Breakfast, held in the University Center Ballroom each February and well-attended and supported by the community. She said the driving force behind the post's success is Alva Pendergrass, a retired Army Reserve colonel.

The Pennsylvania Veterans Advocate of the Year Award went to Legionnaire James M. Dunning, director of the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center (GVOAC), sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion.

GVOAC serves more than 590,000 veterans living in eight southeastern Pennsylvania counties by providing information, counseling and referral services on veteran matters. GVOAC emphasizes job training and placement for the unemployed or underemployed veterans.

Dunning was cited for his diligence and tireless efforts in helping local area veterans to start or to improve small-business enterprises. During the past year, he also designed and coordinated a series of workshops and seminars especially for veterans.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



Dick Pfaffinger

NEIGHBORS of Dick Pfaffinger for the past 15 autumns have wondered if he would harvest his corn on time. While they're harvesting, he's preoccupied with a special pheasant/wild rice dinner for thousands of hospitalized veterans.

Pfaffinger belongs to Post 89 at Blue Earth, Minn., and has been chairman of the Hospitalized Veterans Pheasant Dinner Project for 15 years. He said the dinner, which gives recognition and a morale boost to the veterans, is more important than his crops.

He works on the project all year to raise funds, arrange for banquet speakers and coordinate efforts with the VFW, the event's co-sponsor.

Last fall, 3,408 pheasants were purchased from a game farm and served to some 4,000 veterans in 13 hospitals and veterans homes in Minnesota, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Fargo, N.D., where veterans also go for treatments.

Dept. Adjutant Charles Ferguson said that contributions from the American Legion posts five years ago exceeded the project's costs so a special fund was started. Surplus contributions since have gone into the fund and have provided \$97,964 for 72 donations.

Ferguson said that Pfaffinger, a past post commander and current member of the National Foreign Relations Commission, "is an extremely dedicated Legionnaire who does a fantastic job for us."

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- 25th Signal Constr. Bn. WWII** (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO) Raymond Smith, 3607 Eminence, St. Louis, MO 63114 (314) 429-1782
- 40th Inf. Div. (Korea)** (Oct-Mt. Pocono, PA) Edward Lown, 210 Highland Ave., May Brook, NY 12543 (914) 427-2320
- 102nd AA AW Bn.** (Sept-No. Syracuse, NY) Jack Headley, 25 Maple St., Seneca Falls, NY 13148 (315) 455-7362
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- 135th AAA Gun Bn.** (Oct-Pittsburgh) Prosper Frerotte, 1506 Elm St., New Kensington, PA 15068
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- 10th Spec. Seabees, "D" Co.** (Oct-Columbia, SC) L.N. McDaniel, 3447 Deerfield Dr., Columbia, SC 29205 (803) 532-5026
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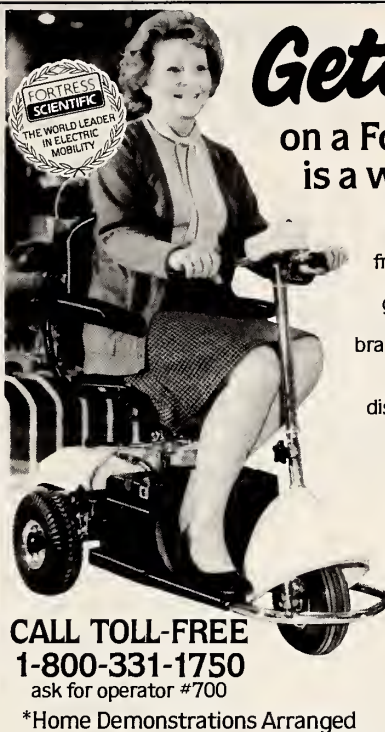
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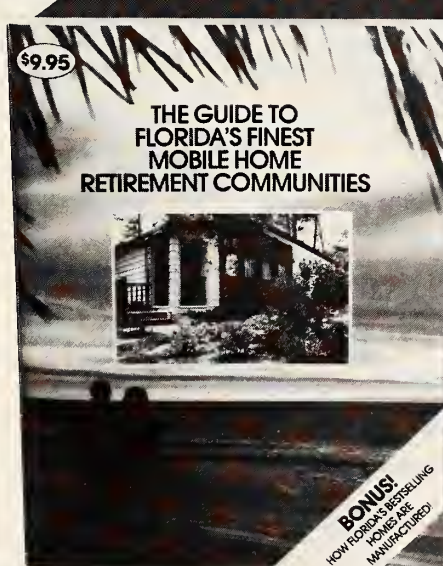
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Q. What about pyramiding school costs: What can be done to cut these, especially at the higher education level?

A. I think this needs to be looked at very closely. Along with educational reform—that is, looking at the curriculum and the offerings—we have to ask some hard questions about duplication of facilities, proliferation of programs in some places, and teaching loads. If an institution decides it's going to be a research university and is not going to expect much of its faculty in terms of teaching, all right, but then let it make it clear to the public that's the situation. Let's not have the stories I've heard too often of students going to well-known universities and telling you after they graduate they ran into some of these professors at the airport on their way back from Washington, but otherwise did not see them.

Q. What about your views on building a common American culture—one of shared values? How can we inject more of that into the classroom?

A. We have to make it plain, first of all, that we have a common American culture. There are beliefs that we all share as Americans. We've seen in recent years recognition of the differences we have as individuals of different nationalities, different backgrounds, different religious heritages. I think there is a place for that. But there is also a place to celebrate and confirm and to learn about that which binds us together as a people. Our parentage, our ancestry may be different, but in some ways we all have the same fathers—the founding fathers: Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Adams. They're the fathers of all of us, no matter if we've lived in this country for five generations or came in a month ago.

As Americans, we're all bound together by a belief in certain principles. What do we believe? We believe in the equality of all men and women; we believe in liberty; we believe in the improvement of the human condition. Our motto is "E pluribus unum," and we hear a lot about "pluribus" these days. We need to hear more about the "unum." How do we teach it? By *teaching* it! By having our students become familiar with the Declaration, with the Constitution, with the Federalist Papers.

Q. Where do you stand on the issue of school prayer?

A. My view is that the sense of the constitutional amendment we're proposing is correct. But I wish we could get there without a constitutional amendment. I say that because I'm not of the disposition to want to amend that document. I think it's pretty good and we shouldn't tinker with the greatest charter of liberty the world has ever seen. I would hope that the courts could find their way to the position that if people want to have organized prayer in school, and that is not sponsored by the state or imposed by the state, then they would be allowed to do so—or they would not be prohibited from doing so. This is part of liberty. The amendment says that prayer shall neither be prohibited nor required, and that I think ought to be the law's position.

Many people who argue for prayer feel it's the kind of thing that ought to start the school day rather than some of the things we now use to start the school day. It would restore a tone of seriousness, of purpose to school. The teaching of morality, of moral virtues, of character must take place the way it's always taken place, through the presence of adults—through people who know the difference between right and wrong, who act on that difference, and who will go to some pains to explain that difference to young people.

Q. What about a moment of silence or meditation as a substitute for prayer in schools?

A. Well, I think that if it's a moment of silence or meditation that people want, I think that's fine.

Q. But let it be a local option?

A. Yes. Let the community decide.

Q. How much emphasis should be placed on foreign language studies?

A. More encouragement than we see at present. Foreign language study will thrive when there is a more serious emphasis on academic subject matter in the school. If you've got good courses in history and you've got good courses in literature, and math and science, your students or many of your students are going to be encouraged to look into a foreign language themselves.

Q. What about science and math?

A. Again, go back to the American people and their common sense. In a Gallup poll where they talked about goals in education, the American people

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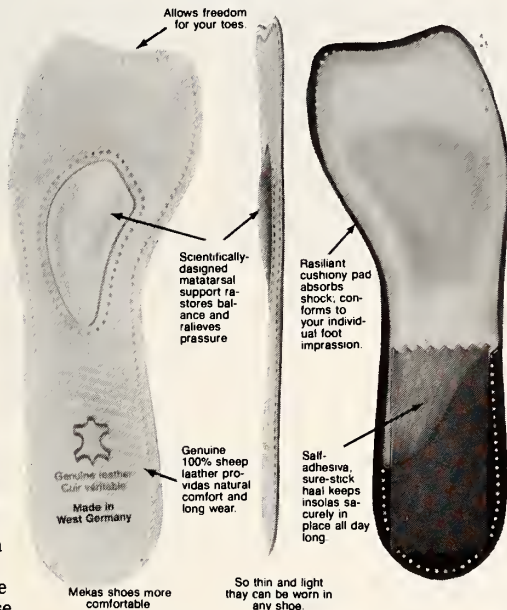
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languages, too—but those four ought
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cruiting teachers, but we ought to be
able to fix that. We have a tremendous
number of people graduating from col-
leges in math and science; we have com-
puter expertise all over this country in
many companies; and yet we can't teach
this effectively. We have to make the
people who can teach our students more
welcome in our schools than they've
been made to feel in the past.

Q. How about athletics?

A. Well, that's a tough one for me. I
have to say that as a former high
school athlete, it's possible to get
through high school without any expo-
sure to organized athletics at all. How-
ever, I think that for many students this
can be another classroom, another learn-
ing experience. My coach, a former Ma-
rine, taught me the difference between
toughness and callousness. I thought
being tough meant being callous, being
a tough guy. I also learned a lot about
perseverance on the football field. So
I'm for athletics.

Q. How about competency tests for
the teachers? How do you feel about
that proposal?

A. Good idea, though it won't reform
American education by itself. Many
people in the teaching profession exhibit
the Rodney Dangerfield phenomenon:
"We don't get enough respect." But how
do you get respect? Well, this is one of
the ways. You say, we're going to have
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petency exam isn't going to achieve this
end unless it's a real exam, unless it's
got teeth, unless it really demands com-
petence. And I think that's a good step
in the right direction.

Q. Can anything be done to enhance
discipline in the classroom?

A. We've organized a task force be-
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help or inhibit the ability of parents and school administrators to maintain order and discipline in the schools? What cases might this government enter? The Department of Justice entered an amicus brief in May in the case of the search of school lockers for drugs. I think that's a good thing to do—to make it clear to the American people that we're behind sensible disciplinary enforcement.

The drug question is a very serious one. Because you could achieve all the reforms in education in the world, but if the kids are "stoned-out," or "drugged out," none of it is going to matter.

Q. The drug problem has been said to be undermining America's youth. Do you feel it's really that serious?

A. Yes. For those American youths who are into drugs in a serious way, they are undermining themselves and they're undermining their futures. It isn't like messing around in one course or not paying attention in one year of school. This is damage from which you may not recover. What we know about drug use is that when it starts early, it usually does not stop and it gets worse and worse. If I could wave a wand and change one thing in the schools—only one—it would be to get the drugs out, all of them, right now.

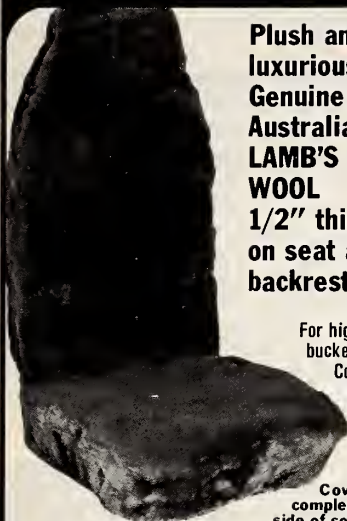
This means we all have to work together—the federal government, law enforcement agencies, disciplinary officers in the schools, principals and parents. We just have to say "No" to drugs, and make it stick.

Q. Our educational system is often compared unfavorably to other nations—particularly with the Soviet Union. Where do we stand in comparison with others?

A. You can't compare education in the Soviet Union to the United States, because you're talking about two entirely different societies. The Soviet Union doesn't have an educational system; it's an indoctrination system. What's the point of teaching people to think critically if you then give them a list of approved books and tell them you can't think about other things. I understand people in the Soviet Union are very worried about the computer because when we develop computers in this country we give them to our kids

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and we say, "Go find out anything you want." You can't do that if you live in the Soviet Union.

Q. Another problem, Mr. Secretary: Hasn't the decline of the American family had a tremendous impact on our education system?

A. It has had an impact, but I don't think it's as bad as that. The family has been assaulted, but it's strong and coming back. We know that the family, the parent, is the indispensable, critical teacher. One reporter calls the family the original department of health, education and welfare—and if it doesn't do its job, no federal government or state can substitute.

Q. As a final question, what should our students be learning about America in order to better prepare themselves to cope with our nation's future?

A. That in the long story of inhumanity and misery that is history, the American achievement ranks high. The teaching of American history has to tell the whole story. If we tell the whole story, the good things and the bad things, and see this country in comparison with other countries, both contemporary and in the past, our students will come through honest inquiry to respect and love this country—and that is something they will need as much as we will need for the future. To many of our students, America is a distraction—a place where you pursue your own individual interests. They need to understand the culture, the ideas and the ideals that made this country. Those are still very much alive. Good citizenship does not come naturally. We have to learn it again each time for each generation, and that's one of the principal tasks of education. ☐



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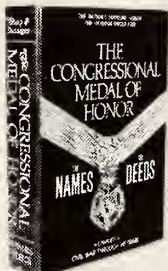
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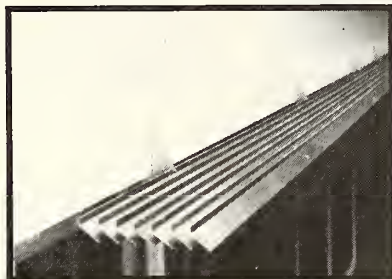
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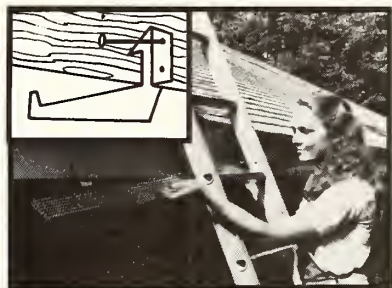
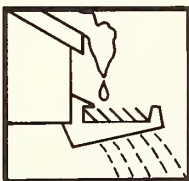
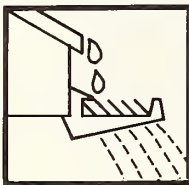
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On the morning of Sept. 2, the final act took place in Tokyo Bay on the main deck of the *USS Missouri*. MacArthur presided with the utmost formality. After the defeated Japanese had signed the surrender document, the general said: "Let us pray that peace now be restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are now closed."

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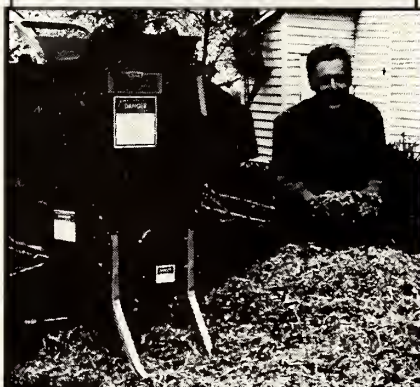
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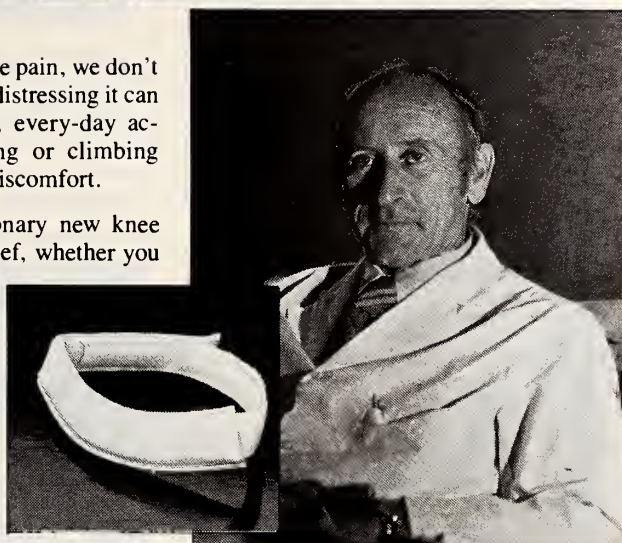
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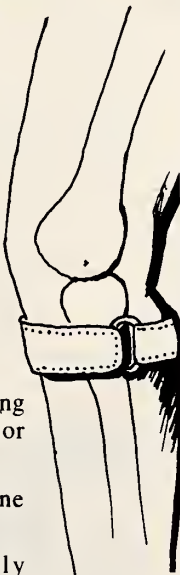
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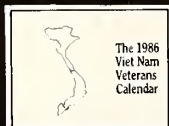
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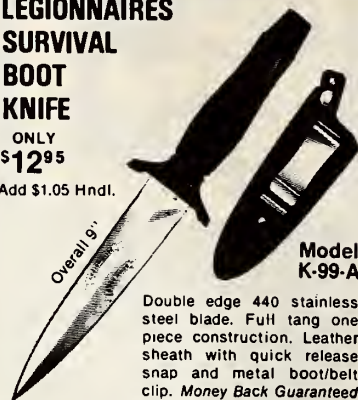
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Living With ULCERS

By Edward Edelson

YOU ALREADY know all about ulcers. They're caused by stress. You drink a lot of milk to help cure them. Bland food is a must. Even a little alcohol is dreadful for them. Coffee makes them worse. And there's not much that doctors can do about them.

If that's what you believe, you're wrong five times—not necessarily because you got the wrong information, but because you haven't kept your knowledge current. All the statements listed above once were medical gospel. Now they've been outmoded by advances in research and treatment. But, too often, patients and even doctors haven't caught up with the latest medical knowledge.

That's too bad, because ulcers afflict an estimated 4 million Americans, cost this country more than \$4 billion a year and require close cooperation between doctor and patient for the best medical results. Treatment has gotten a lot more effective in the past few years because basic research has given doctors a good handle on the mechanisms by which ulcers occur. In addition, research promises to produce even more effective treatment in the years ahead.

Thanks to work in many laboratories, scientists can tell you how an ulcer begins: with the upset of a natural digestive balance. The stomach secretes acid and enzymes to help digest food. Ordinarily, there are protective mechanisms that prevent the acid and enzymes from digesting the stomach wall. When the protective mechanisms fail or excess acid is secreted, the digestive juices can

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TAKING CARE OF YOUR ULCERS NO LONGER REQUIRES STICKING TO A DIET OF BLAND FOODS. HERE'S WHY.

eat a hole either in the wall of the stomach—that's called a gastric ulcer—or in the duodenum, the region where the stomach empties into the small intestine, causing a duodenal ulcer. In the United States, duodenal ulcers outnumber gastric ulcers eight to one.

The real medical revolution in ulcer treatment began less than a decade ago with the introduction of a drug called cimetidine (marketed under the trade name of Tagamet). Cimetidine was developed after researchers discovered that histamine, the same substance that causes the symptoms of allergy and the common cold, somehow causes the stomach to secrete gastric acid. Cimetidine blocks histamine activity, reduces acid secretion and thus heals ulcers.

CIMETIDINE is not a complete miracle. Doctors will tell you that they can get the same results with ordinary antacids—*if the patient is prepared to take them in massive doses eight times a day.* With cimetidine, patients could substitute a pill four times a day. It was a revolution because "it was a fairly easy kind of treatment that was also effective," said Dr. Donald Wilson, an ulcer expert at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center.

With cimetidine healing more than 80 percent of ulcers in six to eight weeks, the drug became an instant bestseller—

in fact, the bestselling drug in the world. It wasn't until the 1980s that the competition caught up, with the introduction of two other ulcer drugs—ranitidine (brand name Zantac), another histamine blocker, and sucralfate (brand name Carafate), which acts in a completely different way, forming a protective coating over the ulcer to keep acid away.

By the 1980s, most of the old ideas about ulcer causation and treatment were out the window. Abandoned was the once-standard bland, milk-rich Sippy diet, named after a turn-of-the-century doctor who reasoned that it protected the stomach. In fact, later research showed that the Sippy diet could increase stomach acid secretion and thus hinder ulcer healing. Doctors today generally recommend that ulcer patients stay away from hot, spicy food, and even that recommendation has its doubters. "There's no evidence that there are more ulcers in India or Mexico, where the food is hot and spicy," said Dr. Stephen J. Sontag, an ulcer expert at the Hines, Ill., Veterans Administration Hospital. But Sontag and other specialists do tell ulcer patients as a general rule to stay away from any food that bothers them.

A lot of people think that coffee is high on the list of dietary no-nos; but, in fact, there's not much evidence linking coffee and ulcers. Alcohol is on the danger list, but only in excess. A drink or two probably won't hurt, said Wilson.

The key is to keep the alcohol content of the stomach low, by taking diluted drinks such as highballs or wine (rather than straight whiskey) and by sipping the drinks slowly, he said.

One thing that hasn't changed is the warning against cigarette smoking. Smokers have a higher risk of getting ulcers, and they also heal slower. The first thing that any doctor tells an ulcer patient is to throw away the cigarettes.

Along with the old dietary ideas, the idea that stress is the major cause of ulcers also has been abandoned—or at least become highly controversial. That belief was bolstered most strongly by the so-called “executive monkey” experiments done in the 1960s by Dr. Joseph Brady at the Walter Reed Army Research Institute. Brady strapped monkeys down and gave them shocks. The monkeys who could do something about the shocks didn't get ulcers, he reported, while the monkeys who were helpless to stop them developed ulcers rapidly. The obvious conclusion was that the stress of the shocks caused the ulcers.

However, studies of people in high-stress jobs, such as air traffic controllers and on-the-go executives, have not found a higher than normal incidence of

“THE BIG CHALLENGE NOW IS TO PREVENT ULCERS FROM RECURRING.”

ulcers. “Stress probably plays some role, but it's indirect—people under stress may be more prone to ulcers because they change their eating and sleeping habits,” said Dr. William C. Orr of the Gastrointestinal Physiology Laboratory at the Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City.

One new frontier of ulcer research is work on the body's protective mechanisms. Researchers have found that a key element in the stomach's natural defenses against acid attack is a family of compounds called prostaglandins.

Biochemists in a number of laboratories have isolated prostaglandins and worked with them for years, but they've found that the natural chemicals can't be used to treat ulcers because the body destroys them quickly. So the scientists have developed synthetic prostaglandins that can be taken orally.

One such chemical, called misoprostol, now is on the market as an ulcer drug in more than 30 countries. Its manufacturer, G. D. Searle, said it expects to have the drug available in the United States by early next year, and other synthetic prostaglandins are coming along behind it.

Misoprostol achieves the same rate of healing as the other ulcer drugs—over 80 percent—but it promises to help patients who can't get relief from the drugs that now are available.

The big challenge now is to prevent ulcers from recurring once they are healed by drugs. The recurrence rate is well over 75 percent, so that most patients have to go through round after round of treatment. One explanation for this high rate of relapse, said Dr. George Sachs, head of the Center for Ulcer Research and Education at the University of California, Los Angeles, is that under the apparently healed ulcer “there's a lot of abnormal tissue. A healed ulcer is really not healed at all.”

IT'S possible that complete healing might occur if the supply of stomach acid were cut off completely, Sachs said. One experimental drug, omeprazole, has shown some promises in achieving that goal, but it still is in the research stage.

While research hasn't found the final answer to ulcers, it has saved a lot of patients from surgery and made life easier for those ulcer sufferers who have to go under the knife. Less than 5 percent of patients now need surgery, Wilson estimated, and it's less common for surgeons to remove part of the stomach, as they previously did.

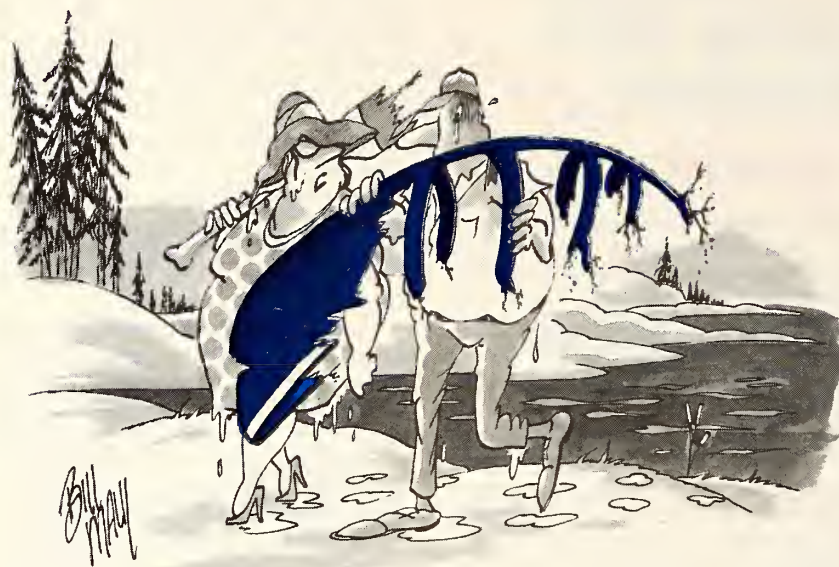
Instead, they continue to perform a less-common operation in which they cut the nerve that controls stomach acid secretion, leaving most other digestive functions intact.

Meanwhile, research into the basic causes of ulcers goes on. At UCLA, for example, a team headed by Dr. Yvette Tache has found that hormones produced in the brain appear to influence the incidence and healing of ulcers. The hope is that such research someday can prevent most ulcers from happening. □

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"Well, if you didn't mean HOP in, why did you say 'HOP in'. . .?"

Advanced Training

The clergyman explained his part-time work for the parish as a karate instructor: "That's when I teach you what to do after you've turned both cheeks."

—Robert Brooks

Where's the Business?

Lady to beggar: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself to stand out here on the street like this and beg?"

Beggar: "Do you think I should open an office?"

—Gene Delaine

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—Agnes Kempton

Joys of Parenthood

The children were at camp and their parents were having a quiet Sunday breakfast.

"Gosh, I miss them already," the mother said.

"Me, too," the father replied. "Why don't you knock over my coffee and rub jam in my hair?"

—Morris B. White

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—Martha J. Beckman

Just Good Manners

The race was over and the horse had lost. The owner was raging at the losing jockey.

"I told you to come with a rush at the turn. Why didn't you?"

"Because," retorted the jockey, "it just didn't seem right to leave the horse behind!"

—Kris Lee

Obviously

A woman went to the bank to cash her husband's paycheck and the teller told her, "It needs your endorsement."

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